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THE OSBORN IDENTITY BEGINS HERE!

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AND MANY MORE!

WHEN **PETER PARKER** WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILTY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED…

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

THINGS HAVE BEEN BUSIER THAN EVER FOR PETER PARKER. HIS COMPANY, PARKER INDUSTRIES, HAS NOW HAS OFFICES IN SHANGHAI, LONDON AND SAN FRANCISCO, AND ITS SIGNATURE PRODUCT, WEBWARE, IS THE MUST-HAVE GADGET ON THE MARKET.

RECENTLY, IN ORDER TO STOP ONE OF HIS ENEMY'S SCHEMES, SPIDER-MAN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HACK INTO EVERY WEBWARE UNIT ON THE PLANET AND BROADCAST A SPECIFIC, HIGH PITCHED SIGNAL. WHILE DOING THIS SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES, THE WORLD AT LARGE NOW BELIEVES THAT WEBWARE IS A MALFUNCTIONING, DANGEROUS PIECE OF JUNK.

BUT THAT'S A SECONDARY CONCERN TO SPIDER-MAN RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE HE RECENTLY GOT A TIP ON THE LOCATION OF HIS ARCH-ENEMY: NORMAN OSBORN!

THE OSBORN IDENTITY PART ONE: "BUG HUNT"

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LAS COLINAS ROJAS.
DRUG CAPITAL OF DELVADIA.

"NUMBER OF TARGETS?"

"FOUR ADULT MALES. ALL CARRYING."

"NO CIVILIANS?"

"THE AREA'S CLEAR. WE GOOD?"

40 km/h.

"SIGNAL YOUR DRONE. TAKE 'EM OUT."

FTT

PHT

FFT

PHTT

UNH--

"DONE."

"THAT *ALL* OF THEM?"

"YEAH."

"YOU SURE? WE THOUGHT WE PICKED UP--"

"I'VE RUN *MULTIPLE* SCANS. THERE'S NO ONE *ELSE* DOWN THERE."

SLOPPY.

STILL ALIVE.

DRUGGED? BUT WHO'D GO TO THE TROUBLE OF--?

AH. THE SPIDER.

"SPIDER-PODS ONE, TWO, AND THREE...

INTERFERING AGAIN. LIKE ALWAYS.

WHRRR

WHRKK

"...YOU ARE CLEARED FOR INSERTION."

"DIG IN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

"OPERATION *BUG-HUNT'S* A GO!"

WE'RE INSIDE. MY SOURCE WAS RIGHT. THIS TUNNEL SYSTEM IS *MASSIVE.*

THIS IS *NOT* YOUR STANDARD "SPIDER-HOLE."

AND *YOU'D* KNOW.

NO WITTY RETORT? NOTHING? SHEESH.

MOCKINGBIRD? WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

THE PREVIOUS TARANTULA, HE SAID SPIDER-MAN WAS FUNNY. ALWAYS CRACKING JOKES.

THERE'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT DOWN HERE.

C'MON. WE HAVE *WORK* TO DO!

FOLLOW ME! THEY *HAD* TO HAVE HEARD THAT.

WE DON'T HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE. BUT IF *I* TAKE THE LEAD...

...MY SPIDER-SENSE SHOULD GIVE US *SOME* WARNING.

SO *THAT'S* YOUR ENTIRE PLAN? RUNNING IN HEAD-FIRST?

MY HEAD FIRST. YEAH.

S.H.I.E.L.D.? THIS IS TARANTULA, REQUESTING TO TAKE COMMAND OF THIS MISSION.

NEGATIVE ON THAT.

FURY! BOTH TARANTULA AND DEVIL SPIDER ARE TWO OF DELVADIA'S BEST OPERATIVES...

...WE DID NOT LOAN THEM TO YOU TO THROW THEIR LIVES AWAY!

AT EASE, GENERAL. SPIDEY STAYS IN CHARGE...

...AFTER ALL, HE'S THE ONLY ONE IN THERE WHO KNOWS WHERE HE'S GOING. AIN'T THAT RIGHT, WEB-HEAD?

PRETTY MUCH. EVERYONE, WE'RE TAKING A SHARP LEFT.

"SO YOU GONNA LET ME IN ON *HOW* YOU GOT THAT INTEL?"

LET'S JUST SAY...

"...SOMEONE OWED ME A FAVOR."

YOUR GREATEST ENEMY.

AND WHERE THEY'VE BEEN HIDING ALL THIS TIME.

PULL THIS STRING AND IT WILL LEAD YOU TO THEM.

WHO?

OSBORN.

YEAH, WE'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE ALL RIGHT.

GOBLINS!

LIGHT 'EM UP, BOYS!

FLASH GRENADES! COVER YOUR--

GYAHH!

CAN'T SEE!

EVERYONE, FIND COVER! GET YOUR BEARINGS!

OOH. NICE DIGS.

DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT THIS...

BRRAT BRAK AKK K-KOW

...IT'S JUST A *SMALL* ARMY!

THWAK

MAY NEVER GET THIS CHANCE AGAIN HAVE TO TAKE IT

CHARGES SET. I CAN DO THIS. FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE.

I CAN LIVE WITH THE COLLATERAL.

<YOU FEEL THAT?>*

<WHAT IS IT?>

<EARTHQUAKE!>

<EVERYONE, OUT OF YOUR HOUSES. AWAY FROM THE BUILDINGS!>

<ABUELA?>

<I'M HERE.>

*TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH.

NO! NOT NOW!

<WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS NEAR MY CAR?>

<RICO, BRING ONE OVER FOR ME.>

<YES, PAPA.>

BRAINIAC

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT IMPRESSIVE SPIDER-SENSE OF HIS?

HE WAS *SUPPOSED* TO WARN US OF ANY DANGER! IDIOT!

YOU WANT OUT? FINE. SPIDER-PODS ARE BACK THAT WAY.

STOP IT! I GET YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS A TEAM PLAYER...

...BUT TRUST ME! YOU *NEED* BACKUP ON THIS ONE!

FWAK

NO!

THOK

FTAM

I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I NEED HERE.

I DON'T HAVE *TIME* FOR ANYONE WHO'S HOLDING ME BACK--

--OR IN *MY* WAY!

WHAP

UNDERSTOOD?!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

YOU HAVE NO IDEA. WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH. WHAT I'VE LOST...

I *NEED* A WIN, BOBBI.

I WANT OSBORN!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WE WERE TOLD YOU FOUND *EL FACOQUERO'S* HIDING PLACE.

OUR NATION'S GREATEST DRUG LORD AND GUN-RUNNER.

SAME THING.

THERE IS NO "EL FACOQUERO." NO VILLAIN CALLED "THE WARTHOG." THERE NEVER WAS.

JUST NORMAN OSBORN.

USING ANOTHER FACE AGAIN. ANOTHER FAKE IDENTITY!

BREAK INTO MY HOME?! MESS UP *MY STUFF!*

I'VE GUTTED MEN FOR LESS!

YES! THERE YOU ARE, NORMIE!

FOR ONCE, THIS *IS* ALL GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN!

BRATATATATAT

THERE THAT'S EVERYONE CLEAR TOPSIDE

THREE... TWO...

BWA-KA-KOOM

ADIOS

RHMMBBBBLLL
AAAND THERE GOES THE SPIDER-SENSE. BIG TIME!
FURY?! WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?
MASSIVE EXPLO-- STREET LEVEL. NO CLUE HOW OR WH--
COMMUNICA-- CUTTING OUT! --ET BACK TO SPIDER-PODS! GET OU--
SPIDEY! OUR PRIMARY TARGET!
OSBORN!
HE'S GOING THE OTHER WAY! MISSION'S OVER!
NO! NOT YET!
JUST NEED--
THERE WE GO.
HEY! TARANTULA...
...CATCH!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH--?
YOU. DEVIL SPIDER. S.H.I.E.L.D. GUYS.
TAKE THESE MEN WITH YOU. USE THE PODS. GET OUT. DON'T WAIT FOR ME!
AGENT MORSE?
DO WHAT HE SAYS. I'M WITH HIM!
BOBBI, DON'T. I'M--
GOING AFTER OSBORN. I GET IT. YOU NEED A WIN.
SO LET'S WIN.
THANKS.
AND HOW ARE WE GETTING OUT OF THIS ONE?
NO IDEA. MAKING IT UP AS I GO.

BUT *THIS* GUY? BET HE KNOWS WHERE HE'S GOING.

DON'T YOU, OSBORN?

HEY! I'M TALKING TO *YOU!*

YOU'RE *INSANE!*

THE WHOLE PLACE IS COMING DOWN! WE'RE ALL *GOING TO DIE!*

THWIP!

AND WHOEVER YOU THINK I AM, I'M NOT--

FWAK

WELL, THAT'S ONE THING OFF MY BUCKET LIST.

TELL ME THING TWO'S A CLEVER ESCAPE FROM CERTAIN DEATH.

YUP.

HOW'S *THAT* COMING?

SWIMMINGLY.

THANK YOU, HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH.

PISCINA

ROOF'S ABOUT TO GO!
I SEE IT. C'MON!
LAST ONE IN HAS TO DO EXTRA LAPS.
JUST TO BE CLEAR, YOU'RE JOKING AGAIN?
HARD TO TELL. YOU'RE NOT LAUGHING.
DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH.
I SEE WHAT YOU DID THERE.
MWAGH!
THAT WOKE HIM UP.
FOOLS! NOW INSTEAD OF BEING *CRUSHED* TO DEATH--
--WE'LL JUST *DROWN!*
NOT IF YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH...
...TO DESIGN THESE THINGS TO WORK UNDERWATER.
BACK IN A SEC!

HEY! QUIT SQUIRMING. LOOK AROUND. WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE WE COULD DIG OUR WAY OUT OR--

BOTH OF YOU-- DEEP BREATH! AND GET READY!

FOR WHAT?

THIS WATER WASN'T BROUGHT DOWN HERE IN *BUCKETS.* IT WAS *PUMPED* IN.

AND IF THERE'S A WAY *IN...*

BWOOMP

BWAH! THANKS FOR THE WARNING!
MOUTH CLOSED. TRUST ME.
WHY?
GYAHH!
SEWAGE DRAIN.
EW!
SORRY.
SPOSH
YOU! THE *BOTH* OF YOU! YOU'RE *CRAZY!*
AND YOU'D KNOW FROM CRAZY. WOULDN'T YOU, OSBORN?
STOP *SAYING* THAT! I'M *NOT* OSBORN!
SPIDEY, YOU DON'T THINK...THAT MAYBE...

HE'S NOT OSBORN.

FINGERPRINTS. RETINAL SCANS. VOICE RECOGNITION. BLOOD WORK. IT AIN'T HIM.

SORRY. I KNOW HOW BADLY YOU WANTED THIS. BUT...

SPIDEY?

S.H.I.E.L.D. HQ.

AHHHH!

FEEL BETTER?

I'LL JUST BILL YOUR PAL PARKER FOR THAT.

JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT WAS A SPY TABLE. THEY COST MORE.

GREAT. NICK FURY, AGENT OF I.K.E.A.

STOW IT, MORSE. HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS. *THAT* FACOQUERO WAS IN HIDING.

BUT ANOTHER ONE, SOMEONE USING HIS *FACE*...

...HAS BEEN MAKING WEAPONS DEALS AROUND THE GLOBE.

OSBORN! *THAT* GIVES US THE ADVANTAGE BECAUSE NOW...

"...HE'LL *NEVER* SEE US COMING!"

NORMAN, DARLING, WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE BROODING.

NEWS FROM OUR OPERATIVE IN DELVADIA.

EL FACOQUERO WAS *ALMOST* KILLED.

INSTEAD, HE WAS *CAPTURED.* BY SPIDER-MAN.

SO CLOSE. I SWEAR THAT MAN RUINS EVERYTHING.

BREAKING - LIVE COVERAGE

THIS FACE--IT'S USELESS TO ME NOW.

GOOD. I WAS GETTING TIRED OF IT.

BE A DEAR AND SLIP INTO SOMETHING NEW.

AS IF IT WERE SO SIMPLE.

I'VE NEITHER THE SKILLS NOR THE TRAINING OF THE CHAMELEON...

...BUT WHAT I *DO* HAVE IS AN IRON WILL...

...AND A HIGHER THRESHOLD FOR PAIN.

DOCTOR DRAGOVIC.

MR. OSBORN. THE COUNTESS SAID TO EXPECT YOU.

I HAVE PUT OUT MANY CHOICES FOR YOU, MY FRIEND.

ALL KEPT FRESH AND VIABLE.

INCLUDING YOUR ORIGINAL COUNTENANCE, OF COURSE.

PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO SHOW MY *TRUE* FACE AGAIN.

HMM. IT WOULD ALMOST FEEL LIKE...

"...COMING HOME."

HEY, BOBBI. CAN WE WRAP THIS UP?

I'M ABOUT TO LAND.

PETE, DON'T GET ALL "ONE PERCENT" ON ME. IT'S NOT A GOOD LOOK.

SORRY.

AS I WAS SAYING, S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS REPORTS OF FIVE SIGHTINGS OF FACOQUERO IN MAJOR CITIES.

GREAT START. WHY DON'T WE TRY *THIS* ONE IN HONG KONG?

MY CHARITY, THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION, IS HOSTING AN EVENT THERE IN TWO DAYS...

...IT'D BE THE *PERFECT* COVER.

WE WERE THINKING THE SAME THING. AND, PETE...

"...THAT *OTHER* MATTER YOU WANTED S.H.I.E.L.D. TO HANDLE...

"...IT'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. WE'LL HAVE A CAR PICK YOU UP AND TAKE YOU THERE RIGHT AWAY."

MR. PARKER, SO YOU KNOW, ALL THOSE MISSING PEOPLE YOU HELPED LOCATE?

THEY'RE SAFELY BACK. "UNDERGROUND." AND NO ONE WILL BE ANY THE WISER.

THANK YOU.

I ASSUME YOU'LL WANT SOME TIME ALONE?

PLEASE.

SO... UNCLE BEN, YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU WANTED TO GO TO CALIFORNIA.

SORRY. I KNOW YOU WOULD'VE FOUND THAT FUNNY, BUT...

I FEEL ASHAMED. ON SO MANY LEVELS.

THE JACKAL--BEN REILLY--HE WAS USING CLONING TO RAISE THE DEAD. AND WHEN HE TEMPTED ME WITH YOU...

...I ALMOST SAID "YES."

SOMETIMES BEING SPIDER-MAN IS FUN. SILLY, EVEN. WEIRD. AND SOMETIMES IT *HURTS.*

I SAW THE STACYS AGAIN. GEORGE...AND GWEN.

JONAH. THE RHINO. WE ALL HAD OUR GREATEST LOVES BROUGHT BACK. JUST TO HAVE THEM DIE *AGAIN.*

BEN
RIKER
LOVED

HOW DO YOU COME BACK FROM THAT?

DING DONG

I'LL GET IT. THAT MUST BE PETER. COMING, DEAR.

HEY, PRETTY LADY.

SORRY, MAY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE AWAY SO LONG. ESPECIALLY AFTER--

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BOY.

I REMEMBER BACK WHEN YOU WERE ALWAYS SCRAMBLING FOR WORK. NEVER HAD A SPARE MOMENT.

NOW YOU RUN YOUR ***OWN*** COMPANY, AND YOU HAVE EVEN ***LESS*** TIME. SOME DAYS I WISH IT COULD GO BACK TO HOW IT WAS.

ME, TOO.

WHAT? AND GIVE UP THIS CHIC-CHIC LIFE?

NOT ME. CAN'T IMAGINE GOING BACK TO THINGS BEFORE THIS LITTLE DEVIL.

BETTY. HARRY. STANLEY, LOOK AT YOU! LAST I SAW YOU, YOU WERE THE SIZE OF A CHRISTMAS HAM.

GUYS, THANKS FOR KEEPING AN EYE ON AUNT MAY WHILE I'VE BEEN OUT.

I KNEW IT! ALL THIS ATTENTION. YOU WERE ALL A PLANNED DISTRACTION, WEREN'T YOU?

PETER PARKER, YOU THINK I'M SUCH A FRAGILE OLD THING, DON'T YOU?

PERISH THE THOUGHT. I PLAN ON ARM WRESTLING YOU LATER. LOSER MAKES WHEAT-CAKES.

BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD REST UP FOR IT FIRST?

PETER?

I WANTED TO SEE IF I COULD TAKE YOUR PLACE THIS WEEKEND FOR THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION EVENT IN HONG KONG.

OH MY! WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON, AND JAY'S PASSING, I COMPLETELY FORGOT. I FEEL SO SELFISH.

THAT'S YOU, ALL RIGHT, THE MOST SELFISH LADY I KNOW. AUNT MAY, YOU JUST LOST YOUR SECOND HUSBAND. IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF.

WELL, I WOULDN'T MIND SPENDING MORE TIME WITH THIS HANDSOME MAN.

HAW!

HE IS A CHARMER.

HARRY, A FAVOR? I KNOW YOU'RE JUGGLING A *LOT*. SINGLE DAD. RUNNING MY NEW YORK OFFICE, BUT WHILE I'M GONE...

KEEP HER COMPANY?

YEAH. I DON'T WANT HER TO BE ALONE. NOT NOW.

HEY, AFTER ALL THE TIMES I SCREWED UP AND YOU TWO WERE THERE FOR ME? IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO.

BUT MEANWHILE... THERE'S SOMEONE WHO COULD USE YOUR HELP. *BETTY.*

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BETTY?

SO...UM... BETTS, WHAT'S UP? HARRY SAID--

PETE, NOT YOU TOO. IT'S *NOT* WEIRD, OKAY?

WHAT'S NOT?

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET YOUR AUNT TO JOIN ME...

...AND SEE MY *SPIRITUAL ADVISOR.*

BETTY? YOU'RE AN ACE REPORTER. YOU LIVE FOR FACTS.

WHEN DID *YOU* START LOOKING TO THE SPIRIT WORLD?

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

FOR YOU? ALWAYS.

I FEEL CRAZY FOR SAYING IT, BUT... SOMETHING HAPPENED A COUPLE DAYS AGO.

SOMETHING I CAN'T EXPLAIN.

NED. MY LATE HUSBAND... HE--HE LEFT A MESSAGE ON MY PHONE.

I'VE LISTENED TO IT A MILLION TIMES.

I *KNOW* NED'S VOICE. IT'S *HIM.*

IT'S NOT, BETTY. TRUST ME.

HOW'S THAT *POSSIBLE,* PETE?

I'LL LOOK INTO IT. I'LL FIGURE THIS OUT, OKAY?

NED'S CLONE. HE MUST'VE GOTTEN HOLD OF A PHONE BEFORE HE-- DISSOLVED.

AND OF *COURSE* HE'D CALL BETTY.

EVERYTHING IN MY SPIDER-MAN LIFE...IT ALWAYS REACHES OUT AND HURTS EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT.

NO MORE. IT'S TIME I STARTED PUTTING AN END TO THIS NONSENSE *BEFORE* IT STARTS!

JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

HEY, WHAT'S THE DEAL, PARKER? WHY AREN'T WE TAKING THE PRIVATE JET TO HONG KONG?

DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE. DELVADIA, SAN FRANCISCO, LONDON, SHANGHAI...

...WE'VE BEEN RUNNING THE THING RAGGED.

SO WHAT? YOU DON'T HAVE TWO OF 'EM?

Y'KNOW, BOBBI, ON A LIST OF MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS...I *NEVER* THOUGHT THAT'D BE ONE OF 'EM.

JUST HAVE TO SETTLE FOR FIRST CLASS. TOUGH TIMES.

YUP. I CALL IT THE OL' PARKER LUCK.

I JOKE ABOUT IT, BUT... THE MONEY. THE GOOD LIFE. I THOUGHT IT'D FIX THINGS.

BUT *OUR* LIVES COME WITH PROBLEMS THAT NO AMOUNT OF MONEY CAN FIX.

TRY ME. TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT.

EVIL CLONE OF MYSELF BROUGHT MY LOVED ONES BACK FROM THE DEAD...

...AND IT'S EMOTIONALLY SCARRED ME AND EVERYONE CLOSE TO ME.

YOU?

TIME-TRAVELED TO THE WILD WEST, KILLED A COWBOY, AND HIS GHOST WENT ON TO STALK ME IN THE PRESENT.

OH. AND *THAT* RUINED MY FIRST MARRIAGE.

YOU WIN.

SNORRK...

SNERRKKSKEKKHH

HEY.

WASN'T SNORING...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I--I WAS JUST THINKING. WHAT WE DO--OUR LIFE--

OTHER PEOPLE DON'T GET IT. THEY CAN'T. BUT...IT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON. Y'KNOW?

WHAT'RE YOU GETTING AT, PETE?

I DUNNO. EVER THOUGHT OF *US?* YOU. ME.

DATING OR SOMETHING?

PETER BENJAMIN PARKER, IS *THAT* HOW YOU ASK A GIRL OUT?

NO WONDER I DON'T HAVE GRAND-CHILDREN.

AHH!

PLEASE, DEAR PEOPLE ARE SLEEPING.

AUNT MAY? WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* HERE?

WELL, IT'S LIKE YOUR UNCLE BEN USED TO SAY, *"THE SUREST WAY TO FORGET YOUR OWN TROUBLES IS BY HELPING OTHERS."*

SO I DECIDED THAT CHARITY WORK FOR THE FOUNDATION IS THE BEST THING FOR ME RIGHT NOW.

BUT-- BUT--

DON'T WORRY, PETE. I GOT THIS.

HARRY? YOU TOO?!

WHAT? YOU SAID TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER, I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON HER.

WHAT ABOUT STANLEY?

HE'S WITH LIZ AND HIS BROTHER, NORMIE. IT'LL BE GOOD TO GET SOME BONDING TIME WITH HIM.

YOU WERE *NOT* WRONG ABOUT THAT "PARKER LUCK" STUFF, WERE YOU?

OH BOY. OF ALL THE--AUNT MAY *AND* HARRY? ALONG FOR THE RIDE ON A HUNT FOR NORMAN OSBORN?

IS THERE ANY WAY THIS COULD GET WORSE?

OH, THESE ARE ADORABLE!

PETEY HAD JUST LEARNED TO WALK. BUT REFUSED TO WEAR PANTS. WAIT. THERE'S MORE.

HONG KONG.

AUNT MAY. HARRY. BOBBI. THIS IS *MIN-WEI*. MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES SHANGHAI.

WHICH IS A FANCY WAY OF SAYING I DO ALL THE WORK WHEN PETER'S NOT AROUND.

IF THAT'S ANYTHING LIKE ME AND THE NEW YORK OFFICE, THAT'S *ALL* THE TIME.

MIN. HARRY. THANKS FOR DOING THAT IN FRONT OF MY AUNT.

TELL ME WHY I DON'T FIRE YOU GUYS.

BECAUSE YOUR COMPANY WOULD FALL APART WITHOUT US.

WELL, SURE. THERE'S THAT. OKAY, YOU TWO, STICK WITH MIN. SHE'LL LOOK AFTER YOU.

BOBBI AND I'LL SEE YOU LATER. WE'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO ACROSS TOWN.

TEXTED MIN TO MAKE SURE THEY GET RIGHT TO THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION EVENT...

...AND THEN RIGHT BACK ON A PLANE TO NEW YORK.

PETE, C'MON. YOU'RE WORRYING TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS.

THERE'VE BEEN EL FACOQUERO SIGHTINGS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

OSBORN COULD BE IN *ANY* OF THOSE CITIES.

I KNOW. BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE'LL KNOW FOR SURE.

TRUE. C'MON...

"...LET'S GET TO WORK.

"BUT REMEMBER, THIS ISN'T LIKE DELVADIA.

"WE DO *NOT* HAVE PERMISSION TO BE HERE.

"AND S.H.I.E.L.D. WILL *NOT* HAVE OUR BACKS.

"IT'S JUST YOU AND ME."

BUT YOU'RE STILL A SECRET-AGENT LADY, RIGHT?

YOU'VE *GOTTA* KNOW SOME DOORS WE CAN KNOCK DOWN TO FIND A ROGUE INTERNATIONAL GUNRUNNER.

OH, I'VE GOT SOME IDEAS...

"IF NORMAN OSBORN'S SET UP SHOP SOMEWHERE IN HONG KONG...

"...WE MIGHT HAVE TO BREAK A FEW JAWS AND BRUISE A FEW KNUCKLES...

"...BUT WE'LL *FIND* HIM!"

THEY WERE PLAYING MAHJONG.

THIS IS A SERIOUS BACKROOM GAMBLING DEN.

MAHJONG.

IT'S WHAT THEY PLAY HERE.

MY AUNT PLAYS MAHJONG. ON CRUISE SHIPS.

UM... BOBBI, CAN WE HAVE A WORD?

I'M A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH ALL OF THIS.

WITH WHAT?

WELL... DOESN'T IT FEEL WEIRD THAT WE'RE ONLY BEATING UP...

...ASIAN PEOPLE?

WE'RE IN *HONG KONG.*

THE BAD GUYS ARE ASIAN. THE *GOOD* GUYS ARE ASIAN. *EVERYONE* HERE'S ASIAN.

I'M JUST USED TO BEATING UP PEOPLE OF *ALL* RACES AND CREEDS.

THAT'S HOW I DO IT IN NEW YORK.

...

WOULD IT *HELP* IF I TOOK YOU SOMEWHERE WHERE ALL THE BAD GUYS WERE IN *MASKS...*

...AND IT COULD BE *ANYONE* UNDER THEM?

I KNOW IT'S A COP-OUT...

...BUT, YEAH, IT WOULD.

LATER...

<I'M LOOKING FOR A GUN-RUNNER.>*

<HE'S GOING BY EL FACOQUERO. OR NORMAN OSBORN.>

<AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHERE TO FIND HIM!>

<I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! I SWEAR!>

<WHY DON'T I BELIEVE YOU?>

<AM I AN ARMS DEALER? SURE. BUT...>

<...JUST STREET-LEVEL STUFF. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT OSCORP TECH. GOBLIN WEAPONS.>

<I'D NEVER-->

THINK YOUR FRIEND THERE MIGHT BE HOLDING OUT ON US.

EITHER THAT...

RRINCH

...OR HALLOWEEN'S COME EARLY.

<OSBORN. WHERE IS HE?! *TALK!*>

<AND REMEMBER, I'VE GOT SPIDER-SENSE. I'LL KNOW IF YOU'RE LYING.>

YEAH. *I* KNOW MY POWERS DON'T WORK THAT WAY, BUT *HE* DOESN'T.

*TRANSLATED FROM MANDARIN. YES, SPIDEY KNOWS MANDARIN NOW. SEE **ASM VOL. 4 #1.**--NICK

<ALL RIGHT! THERE'S A BLACK MARKET WEAPONS EXPO. SPECIAL INVITE ONLY.>

<OSBORN HIMSELF IS MEETING WITH ALL THE BIG PLAYERS TONIGHT...>

<...HANDING OUT FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET THERE.>

<HE'S IN THE CITY *NOW*?!>

<WHERE?!>

<I DON'T KNOW! HE'S USING *ANOTHER* EVENT AS A COVER: "OOBIE YEFF"!>

<THAT'S ALL I GOT! SOMETHING CALLED "OOBIE YEFF"!>

"OOBIE YEFF"? I'VE BEEN SPEAKING MANDARIN LONGER THAN YOU...

...AND I HAVE *NO* IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS.

IT'S NONSENSE. OOBIE--?

OH, NO.

U.B.F.!

"THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION!

"WHERE AUNT MAY AND HARRY ARE! *RIGHT NOW!*"

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.

WE HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS FOR THE *WORTHIEST* OF CAUSES.

OF *COURSE* IT'S ALL THE WAY ACROSS TOWN!

AND, SURE, THEY'RE *BOTH* NOT ANSWERING THEIR WEB-WARES...

...BECAUSE *WHY* MAKE ANYTHING EASY FOR ONCE?!

STAY CALM, OKAY? I PUT IN A CALL TO S.H.I.E.L.D.

NOW THAT WE *KNOW* OSBORN'S IN HONG KONG, MAYBE WE CAN GET SOME SUPPORT.

BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME.

GREAT. IF IT'S THIRTY MINUTES OR MORE, DO I GET THE PIZZA FOR FREE?

THIS, BOBBI, RIGHT HERE.

THIS IS THE *REAL* PARKER LUCK!

...CURRENTLY WE'RE PROVIDING EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN MADRIPOOR.

BUT WE'RE INTERESTED IN ALL FORMS OF HUMANITARIAN AID.

MAY PARKER-JAMESON.

PETER PARKER'S AUNT. AND MY CHANCE TO HAVE A FACE-TO-FACE...

...WITH A FACE SHE'D *NEVER* RECOGNIZE.

THIS IS TOO GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS UP.

ANYTHING ELSE I CAN OFFER YOU, MR. OSBORN?

WHAT?!

NO THANKS. ANY MORE AND I'LL BURST. AND YOU MUST'VE MISSED THE PARKER INDUSTRIES MEMO.

HAD MY NAME CHANGED. IT'S "LYMAN" NOW. HARRY LYMAN.

YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME.

HARRY. MY BOY. YOU SPOILED BRAT...

"...AFTER *EVERYTHING* I'VE HANDED TO YOU...

"...YOU WOULD CAST ASIDE THE *OSBORN LEGACY.*

"YOUR *BIRTHRIGHT.*

"SO BE IT.

"THEN I GUESS THIS TRULY IS...

"...THE FINAL LESSON I CAN TEACH YOU."

I GOT IT!

BANG

BOBBI! THERE! DO YOU SEE IT?!

NO. WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WAIT...

...A SNIPER RIFLE FLOATING IN MIDAIR!

UNHH!

OH, MY! WAS THAT--?

GUNSHOT!

SPIDER-MAN?! AGAIN?!

FEMALE SHOOTER ON THE ROOF.

IN SOME KINDA STEALTH MODE. PICKING HER UP IN MY THERMAL LENSES!

SHE'S GOING BACK FOR THE GUN!

BOBBI! YOU'RE CLOSER!

DO SOMETHING!

FEELING PRETTY USELESS HERE.

WOULD IT HAVE KILLED YOU TO GIVE ME SOME HIGH-TECH LENSES, TOO?

BEHIND YOU!

THAT'S *NOT* HELP--

FWAM

GNH!

WEB-SHOOTERS. CARTRIDGE SIX.

WHOEVER YOU ARE, IF YOUR STEALTH IS TECH-BASED...

THWIKK

YARGH!

ZZRAKZ

...MY ELECTRIFIED WEB-COILS SHOULD *SHORT IT OUT.*

ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOU!

SILVER SABLE?!

BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE *DEAD!* WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT'S GOING ON, SPIDER, IS THAT YOU JUST--

--SAVED NORMAN OSBORN!

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THINGS HAVE BEEN BUSIER THAN EVER FOR PETER PARKER. HIS COMPANY, PARKER INDUSTRIES, NOW HAS OFFICES IN SHANGHAI, LONDON, AND SAN FRANCISCO, AND ITS SIGNATURE PRODUCT, WEBWARE, IS THE MUST-HAVE GADGET ON THE MARKET.

RECENTLY, PETER, AS SPIDER-MAN, HACKED INTO EVERY WEBWARE UNIT ON THE PLANET TO STOP THE JACKAL FROM INFECTING THE WORLD WITH THE CARRION VIRUS. SPIDER-MAN SUCCEEDED, BUT THE PUBLIC IS NOW WARY OF THE ACCESS PETER HAS TO THEIR GEAR.

PETER'S NEXT GOAL WAS TO TAKE DOWN HIS ARCH-NEMESIS, NORMAN OSBORN. HE DIDN'T THINK THIS GOAL WOULD PUT HIMSELF, MOCKINGBIRD, AUNT MAY AND HARRY OSBORN IN NORMAN'S ORBIT. HE ALSO DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD RUN INTO SILVER SABLE, WHO HE BELIEVED WAS DEAD!

THE OSBORN IDENTITY PART TWO: "FIGHT OR FLIGHT"

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HONG KONG.
THE ROOFTOP GALA FOR THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION.

SOMEONE'S SHOOTING AT US!
OH, GOD!
SECURITY!
IS ANYONE HURT?!
EVERYONE, GET INSIDE! NOW!

OUT OF MY WAY!
MY PURSE!
FORGET YOUR DAMN PURSE!
MOVE IT!

MIN-WEI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STAY DOWN, MRS. PARKER! YOUR NEPHEW IS MY BOSS...
...AND THERE IS NO WAY I'M LETTING HIS AUNT GET SHOT!

TALK TO ME, SON!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? HAVE YOU BEEN HIT?
I--I-- DON'T THINK SO.
UM. THANK--

--YOU. "SON"? THAT VOICE. IT CAN'T BE.
DAD?

YES. YOU MAY BE A WHINY LITTLE BRAT, *HARRY*, BUT YOU'LL ALWAYS BE *MY BOY*--

--MY *FIRST-BORN*--

--AN *OSBORN!*

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

"...DADDY'S GOT *WORK* TO DO."

CHANGE OF PLANS. GET ME OUT OF HERE.

WE'RE STARTING THE SHOW AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

GREAT. WHERE DID *THOSE FLYBOYS* COME FROM?

SABLE? TALK TO ME! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT'S GOING ON, SPIDER, IS THAT THANKS TO *YOU*...

...I MISSED MY SHOT...

PFTT

...AND NOW OSBORN'S *GETTING AWAY!*

SO... SILVER SABLE'S *ALIVE* AGAIN?

THERE'S A LOT OF THAT GOIN' AROUND.

BOBBI, DON'T! JUST DON'T.

YOU DON'T THINK SHE'S A CLO--

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

MRS. PARKER! HARRY! MIN! ARE YOU--?

WE'RE *FINE!* BUT--

SPIDEY, YOU'VE GOTTA *STOP* THOSE MEN!

THE ONE ON THE BACK OF THE LEAD BIKE, HE'S-- HE'S--

YOUR FATHER. I *KNOW.*

DON'T WORRY, HARRY. I'M ON IT!

OH, HARRY...

MR. LYMAN, ARE YOU--?

I'M OKAY.

YOU! THAT MAN WITH THE BEARD, HE WAS TALKING TO YOU EARLIER!

WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH HIM?!

PLEASE! I CAN'T BE MIXED UP IN THIS--

THIS WAS A *CHARITY* EVENT! *OUR* CHARITY!

YOU WERE USING US FOR COVER! *WHY?*

HE--HE GAVE US INVITES--TO SEE HIS EXPO. BUT I'M NO LONGER INTERESTED. I'M NOT GOING TO USE IT!

THE INVITE! HAND IT OVER!

TAKE IT!

OSBORN!

SILVER SABLINOVA. SO *YOU'RE* THE ONE...

...THE "GHOST" THAT'S BEEN CHASING ME AROUND THE GLOBE.

SO MUCH FOR *BOTH* OUR DISGUISES!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE *DEAD*, SYMKARIAN!

BOYS, *RECTIFY THAT*, WILL YOU?!

BRATT-AT

MOCKINGBIRD, COME IN!

FINALLY! S.H.I.E.L.D., THIS IS AGENT MORSE, COPY.

REQUESTING IMMEDIATE BACKUP!

DENIED!

WHAT? NICK, IF YOU HAD EYES ON THIS--

I HAVE *AN* EYE ON IT, MORSE. KNOW WHAT I SEE?

A S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT OUT OF HER JURISDICTION--

--WITH AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST WHO JUST FIRED ON A CHARITY EVENT!

CHINA DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE. S.H.I.E.L.D. CANNOT BE A PART OF THIS.

COPY?

BUT FURY--

I SAID "COPY," DAMN IT!

...

COPY.

I HEARD. SO NO BACKUP, THEN?

WORSE.

SORRY.

BOBBI!

ORDERS!

GREAT! THANKS, "PARTNER"!

YOU SHOULD *BOTH* STAY OUT OF IT!

THIS WOULD ALL BE *OVER* BY NOW IF YOU HADN'T BLUNDERED IN!

LEAVE THIS TO SOMEONE WHO...

SWAK

...KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING.

WAHH!

KRSHHKZZ

OH MY GOD! IS HE--?

HE WAS WEARING BODY ARMOR...

...AND THAT SIGN WAS A PALTRY 12 FEET TO THE ROOF.

SO YOU'RE SAYING HE'S STILL *ALIVE*, RIGHT?

SURE.

HARRY, I WOULDN'T. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THAT WEBSITE WILL TAKE YOU.

I HAVE TO, MIN. MY OLD MAN'S UP TO SOMETHING.

AND HE WAS USING OUR UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION TO HIDE IT. I WON'T STAND FOR THAT.

AGREED. LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

Loading...

WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS-ONLY LIVESTREAM OF...

...THE GOBLIN ARMY EXPO! THE WEAPONS OF TOMORROW TODAY!

I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS ONE...

...IT SEEMS WE HAVE SOME SURPRISE GUESTS.

HE'S SLOWING DOWN!

WE'VE *GOT HIM!*

SPIDER, I DON'T LIKE THIS. IT'S TOO EASY.

WHAT DOES YOUR SPIDER-SENSE SAY?

I'M IGNORING IT.

WHY ON EARTH--?

BECAUSE *EVERYTHING'S* DANGEROUS. EVERYTHING COMES WITH A COST.

AND I'M WILLING TO PAY IT--IF IT MEANS CATCHING OSBORN!

NOTICE OUR NEW *GOBLIN GLIDE-CYCLES.*

FAST ENOUGH TO OUTMANEUVER TWO WORLD-RENOWNED SUPER HEROES.

YEAH. YOU WERE RIGHT. WE ADMIRAL ACKBARRED THIS.

SPEAK ENGLISH.

IT'S A TRAP!

YOU ALL WANTED TO SEE MY LATEST WEAPONS IN ACTION?

WELL, GET YOUR CHECK-BOOKS READY! BECAUSE AS A SURPRISE BONUS...

...YOU'LL GET TO SEE THEM GO UP AGAINST THE *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* AND THE ONE AND ONLY *SILVER SABLE!*

THE *GLIDE-CYCLES* RUN ON POWER CELLS THAT LAST LONGER THAN OUR OLD GOBLIN GLIDERS...

...ALL WHILE PROVIDING MORE HEFT AND--

SHUT UP!

YOU KNOW WHAT, NORMIE? YOU *BLEW IT.*

'CAUSE I'M *NOT* SOME VISUAL AID FOR YOUR NEW PRODUCT ROLLOUT.

NOPE. *I'M* THE GUY WHO'S GONNA MAKE ALL OF YOUR MERCH...

...LOOK LIKE BIG, HONKIN' PIECES OF *SCRAP.*

PCHOOM

DO I HEAR ONE DOLLAR FOR THIS PILE A' JUNK?

ONE DOLLAH? ONE DOLLAH? TWO TO THE MAN WITH THE POINTY CHIN. DO I HEAR THREE?

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM!

ALWAYS THE FOOL. DON'T YOU GET IT? I WASN'T *EXPECTING* YOU.

THIS PRESENTATION WASN'T FOR THE *CYCLES*. THOSE WERE THE *TARGETS.*

COUNTESS, IF YOU PLEASE?

LADIES. GENTLEMEN. DARLINGS. PLEASE WELCOME THE *TRUE* STAR OF OUR GOBLIN ARMY...

...THE KINGSLAYER MARK 1.

OKAY. THERE'S NO IGNORING *THAT.*

THE COUNTESS KATARINA KARKOV!

SABLE, WHY DON'T WE SAVE THE INTRODUCTIONS FOR LATER, *HUH?*

WHRRR

MY SPIDEY-SENSE TELLS ME...

...WE'RE GONNA BE A LITTLE BUSY.

KR-KOOOOM

THE KINGSLAYER WALKING TANK COMES IN BOTH PILOTED AND SELF-DRIVING MODELS.

TODAY YOU'LL GET TO WATCH AS IT OVERWHELMS TWO SUPERHUMAN COMBATANTS. ONE OF WHOM...

...IS OUTFITTED WITH TOP-OF-THE-LINE PARKER INDUSTRIES TECHNOLOGY.

THIS IS BAD. ON SO MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS.

WELL, *THAT* WAS FAST...

MIN? WHAT NOW?

CHATTER FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES BRANCHES AROUND THE GLOBE.

AND PETER ISN'T PICKING UP. HERE, I'M PATCHING YOU IN.

PHILLIP CHANG, SHANGHAI BRANCH.

ARE YOU SEEING THIS? ARE WE TAKING PART IN WEAPONS TESTING NOW?

MAX MODELL, SAN FRANCISCO.

THE OPTICS HERE ARE TERRIBLE...

...WE'RE STILL RECEIVING RECORD-LEVEL COMPLAINTS OVER LAST WEEK'S **GLOBAL** WEBWARE HACK--

WHICH SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES DURING THE CARRION OUTBREAK.

ANNA MARIA MARCONI, LONDON. PEOPLE AREN'T SEEING IT THAT WAY.

OVER HERE, WE'RE STILL DOING DAMAGE CONTROL FROM WHEN OUR NANITES INFESTED LONDON'S CCTV NETWORK.

WILL McMANN, NEW YORK. PEOPLE ARE ALSO WONDERING IF WE'RE BANKROLLING THE AVENGERS.

WHAT KINDA COMPANY ARE WE?

THAT DOES IT! MY NEPHEW IS DOING GREAT THINGS WITH THIS COMPANY.

AND THE REST OF YOU NEED TO CUT HIM SOME SLACK. SHAME ON ALL OF YOU.

OH, UM, MAY PARKER, HONG KONG.

MAY?!

WHAT? I'M A SHAREHOLDER. I'M ALLOWED TO BE ON THIS CALL.

MAY, PLEASE. THIS ISN'T HELPFUL. THANK GOD THIS IS A SECURE LINE.

PATHETIC. OF *COURSE* THIS COMPANY IS IN SHAMBLES...

...WITHOUT MY STEADY HANDS TO SECRETLY GUIDE IT.

DAMN YOU, PARKER. YOU LUCKED INTO THE *EMPIRE* THAT I, OTTO OCTAVIUS, BUILT! AND NOW YOU'RE *RUINING* IT!

I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY, PARKER...

"YOU'VE BROUGHT THIS UPON YOURSELF!"

SABLE! LOOK OUT!

ZAKK ZRAK

TCHOOM

UNHH!

EXCELLENT. I KNEW I'D SEE YOU DEFEATED ONE DAY, WALL-CRAWLER.

BUT TO *PROFIT* OFF OF IT IS AN UNEXPECTED BONUS.

"*UNEXPECTED*" IS RIGHT. 'CAUSE YOU'VE BEEN *HIDING* FROM ME.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, NORMIE?!

AFRAID TO SHOW YOUR *OWN* FACE IN PUBLIC.

OR RATHER, AFRAID TO GO *FACE-TO-FACE* WITH *ME!*

COWARD!

CUT THE FEED. *NOW.*

WE'RE DONE HERE. THE TANK CAN FINISH THE JOB.

WELL, *THAT* STRUCK A NERVE. YAY, ME.

YES. HIS *EGO* IS BRUISED. QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

YOU KNOW IF YOU HADN'T INTERFERED AT ALL-- HE'D BE *DEAD* RIGHT NOW.

NEVER GOING TO LET THAT GO, ARE YOU?

NO. I WON'T. NOT WHILE HE STILL LIVES. AND *COUNTESS...*

...FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO OUR PEOPLE...

...YOU'LL BE *NEXT* ON MY LIST!

JUST A SUGGESTION, DEAR, BUT PERHAPS YOU SHOULD FOCUS...

"...ON THE MATTERS AT HAND."

VILE WOMAN!

KOOM!

OW!

TO BE FAIR, SHE HAS A POINT!

SO WHAT NOW?! IT APPEARS MY WEAPONS...

...AND YOUR "PARKER INDUSTRIES TECHNOLOGY"...

...ARE NOT HAVING MUCH OF AN EFFECT!

OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT OSBORN'S GIVEN US TO PLAY WITH.

NEW POWER CELLS ON THE GLIDERS, *HUH?*

HEY, SABLE...

...EVER SEE THE MOVIE *JAWS?*

YES. IT'S BETTER IN SYKMARIAN.

<"SMILE, YOU SON OF A--">

BLAM

BWA-HA-HA-HA-HOOM

NICE! IF ONLY WE COULD'VE GOTTEN *THAT* ON CAMERA.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT EMBARRASSING THEM, SPIDER. ONLY *ENDING* THEM.

WOW. YOU ARE PRETTY SINGLE-MINDED...

...FOR SOMEONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.

SPILL. HOW *DID* YOU PULL THAT OFF?

IT DOESN'T MATTER. ALL THAT DOES...

...IS THAT MY "DEMISE" MADE ALL OFF THIS POSSIBLE.

"THOSE GLIDERS. THAT TANK. ALL THE WEAPONS THE *GOBLIN ARMY* SELLS ACROSS THE GLOBE...

"...ARE MADE IN SYMKARIA.

"OSBORN. THE COUNTESS. THEY'VE TRANSFORMED MY COUNTRY INTO A WAR MACHINE."

AND WORSE, THEY'VE ENSLAVED MY PEOPLE TO THAT END.

FOR THE SAKE OF MY BELOVED HOMELAND, I MUST SEE AN END TO THE BOTH OF THEM.

WILL YOU HELP, SPIDER-MAN? IN THE OLD DAYS, I WOULD *HIRE* YOU, BUT NOW I AM BARELY GETTING BY.

YEAH? WELL, THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

YOU HELP ME BRING OSBORN TO *JUSTICE*...

...AND *I'LL* BANKROLL THE WHOLE THING.

SHANGHAI.

PETE, THIS IS *CRAZY.* OUR COMPANY'S IN TROUBLE. THAT LOGO ON THAT PLANE...

...IT'S POISON RIGHT NOW.

AND YOU'RE GOING TO USE IT TO SHIP MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT TO TOPPLE A *LAWFUL REGIME...*

...AND OUST MY DAD.

WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT... YEAH. THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.

PETE. EVERYTHING YOU'VE BUILT...

YEAH. I'D RISK IT.

END OF THE DAY, THIS COMPANY GIVES ME POWER I'VE *NEVER* HAD.

AND IF I CAN USE IT TO SAVE PEOPLE--*AND* HELP SPIDER-MAN STOP A BAD GUY?

IT'S ALL BEEN WORTH IT.

SELF-RIGHTEOUS TWIT.

YOU REALLY DO MAKE ALL OF THIS *SO* EASY, PARKER.

I BARELY HAVE TO LIFT A FINGER.

CLICK

HEADS UP, PEOPLE.

I'VE CONFIRMED A LEAD WE JUST GOT FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE.

AN AMERICAN CONTRACTOR, ONE WHO HAS PROVIDED S.H.I.E.L.D. WITH OUR CURRENT CROP OF WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY...

...IS ABOUT TO INVADE THE SOVEREIGN NATION OF SYMKARIA.

FROM THIS POINT ON, WE ARE SEVERING *ALL* TIES WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES. NOW THEY'RE A THREAT, NO DIFFERENT THAN A.I.M. OR HYDRA...

...AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO STOP THEM. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

SIR! YES, SIR!

I SAID, IS THAT *UNDER-STOOD?*

SIR! YES, SIR!

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SABLE REVEALED THAT NORMAN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SYMKARIAN MONARCH COUNTESS KARKOV TO FURTHER HIS DEVIOUS PLAN.

PETER DECIDED TO USE HIS PARKER INDUSTRIES TECH TO INTERVENE ONCE AGAIN AND PROMISED TO ARM SABLE AND HER REVOLUTIONARIES IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR HELP CAPTURING OSBORN ONCE AND FOR ALL. BUT BY USING HIS COMPANY'S RESOURCES TO INVADE A SOVERIGN NATION, PETER HAS PUT HIMSELF AND HIS COMPANY ON A COLLISSION COURSE WITH FURY, MOCKINGBIRD, AND S.H.I.E.L.D.!

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CASTLE KARKOV. DEEP IN THE HEART OF SYMKARIA.

I MUST REMIND YOU, MR. OSBORN, I WAS AGAINST PERFORMING ANOTHER OF THESE PROCEDURES SO ***SOON.***

THE MUSCLES IN THE HUMAN FACE WERE NOT MEANT TO--

YES. I HEARD YOU, DOCTOR. GET ***ON*** WITH IT.

THERE COULD BE ***SEVERE*** COMPLICATIONS. TELL ME, WHY WAS IT SO URGENT TO DO THIS ***NOW?***

AFRAID TO SHOW YOUR ***OWN*** FACE IN PUBLIC.

OR RATHER, AFRAID TO GO ***FACE-TO-FACE*** WITH ***ME!***

COWARD!

I HAVE MY REASONS.

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, DOCTOR DRAGOVIC...

...IS THAT I HAVE NO MORE USE FOR YOU.

OH MY... NORMAN, THIS IS ***NOT*** MY FAULT.

LET ME ***SEE!***

I'M THE BEST IN THE WORLD AT THIS. AND I SWEAR, I USED ***ALL*** MY SKILLS...

WHAT?! NO! NOT IN HERE!

ARE YOU MAD?!

FAR FROM IT, DOCTOR.

FSSSHHH

AKKH ERKK--

THAT GAS IS A VERSION OF MY *GOBLIN SERUM.* LAST TIME I RAN INTO SPIDER-MAN, HE...

...*DID* SOMETHING TO ME. NOW I AM *IMMUNE* TO ALL OF ITS EFFECTS.

SO YOU SEE, THERE'S NO GOBLIN-MADNESS INSIDE ME. I AM 100% *NORMAN OSBORN* NOW.

SSSSHHH

"AND THAT MAKES ME A FAR MORE *DANGEROUS* CREATURE."

NORMAN, DEAR, HOW DID IT GO? I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO SEE YOU AND THE GOOD DOCTOR.

TRUST ME, COUNTESS. YOU DO *NOT* WANT TO GO IN THERE. IT'S A MESS.

AS FOR MY LATEST CHANGE OF FACE, YOU TELL ME...

...HOW DO I LOOK?

YOU LOOK LIKE THE MAN WHO HAS BROUGHT NEW LIFE TO MY COUNTRY.

A MAN WHO DESERVES RESPECT AT ALL TIMES.

THE PERFECT ANSWER.

BUT FROM YOU, COUNTESS KATARINA KARKOV, I EXPECT NO LESS. COME...

...LET US LOOK OUT ACROSS YOUR KINGDOM.

OUR KINGDOM.

SYMKARIA.

WHICH, THANKS TO YOUR INGENIOUS INVENTIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS...

...IS NOW THE LARGEST WEAPONS MANUFACTURER IN EUROPE, IF NOT THE *WORLD.*

"YOU HAVE MADE MY PEOPLE STRONG AGAIN.

"ABLE TO LIFT UP THEIR HEADS WITH PRIDE AND WITHOUT *FEAR.*"

THEY HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO SLAVES, SPIDER.

EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN SYMKARIA, FORCED TO WORK IN THE FACTORIES...

...BUILDING OSBORN'S INSTRUMENTS OF DEATH.

VERY WELL.

AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE BRINGING MY SPIDER-INSTRUMENTS OF *FREEDOM*...

...TO, WELL, FREE THEM. I'M SOLD. ON BOARD. AND PROVIDING IT ALL *FREE* OF CHARGE.

SO, HUMOR ME. WE'VE GOT HOURS TILL WE LAND. FESS UP. I GOTTA KNOW. LAST TIME I SAW YOU...

...YOU WERE AS GOOD AS *DEAD.** HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU ESCAPE?

*SEE SPIDER-MAN: ENDS OF THE EARTH. --NICK.

WE WERE IN OTTO OCTAVIUS' UNDERWATER BASE, MOMENTS AWAY FROM HIM DESTROYING ALL LIFE ON EARTH...

...AND YOU WERE FACED WITH A DEVIL'S CHOICE.

"STOP THE RHINO FROM DROWNING ME...

"...OR SAVE THE WORLD. NO CHOICE AT ALL, REALLY.

"I *ORDERED* YOU TO LEAVE ME TO MY FATE...

"...BECAUSE I *KNEW* I HAD A WAY OUT.

"MY CLOTHES WERE COATED WITH THE SAME STEALTH TECHNOLOGY AS MY JET--THE ONE WE WERE USING AT THE TIME.

"FROM THE RHINO'S PERSPECTIVE, I VANISHED.

"WHICH GAVE ME ENOUGH OF AN ADVANTAGE..."

...TO BREAK FREE. FROM THAT POINT ON, WITH EVERYONE BELIEVING I *WAS* DEAD...

...MY ENEMIES RELAXED, MAKING IT ALL THE EASIER TO HUNT THEM DOWN. ONE BY ONE.

WOW. OKAY. I GET THAT. BUT YOU COULD'VE SENT ME A CARD OR SOMETHING.

SADLY, YOU WERE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO FELT MY ABSENCE. MY COUNTRYMEN FEARED ME DEAD AS WELL...

...WHICH ALLOWED THE COUNTESS, OUR LAST LIVING ROYAL, TO RISE TO POWER IN SYMKARIA.

NOW, THANKS TO HER UNHOLY ALLIANCE WITH OSBORN--

STOP. THAT PART'S ON ME. OSBORN'S *MY* NIGHTMARE. I SHOULD'VE STOPPED HIM LONG AGO.

BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW. I'VE GOT A GLOBAL EMPIRE BEHIND ME. AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

HE'S LOST IT! THE MAN IS OUT OF HIS DAMN MIND.

PETER PARKER! YOUR NEPHEW, MRS. PARKER. YOUR BOSS, MR. LYMAN...

...HE'S FUNDING AN INCURSION INTO A FOREIGN COUNTRY!

I'M SORRY, AGENT FURY. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

HONG KONG. A S.H.I.E.L.D. HOLDING FACILITY.

NICE TRY, SILVER SPOON! S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS THE MANIFEST FOR YOUR PLANE.

THE ONE PARKER SIGNED OFF ON. WE'RE TRACKING IT NOW.

HAROLD T. LYMAN, IF THIS IS TRUE, I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED IN THE BOTH OF YOU.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING PARKER INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE DOING. MR. FURY, I ASSURE YOU, IF SOMETHING'S WRONG...

...WE CAN HELP BRING IN AID TO THOSE POOR SYMKARIAN PEOPLE, THROUGH MY UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION.

AND WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.'S BLESSING, OF COURSE.

NO. THAT NICE OLD LADY ACT AIN'T WORKING. NOT TODAY.

C'MON, "LYMAN." THROW ME A BONE. JUST TELL ME...

...IS YOUR *FATHER,* NORMAN OSBORN, MIXED UP IN ALL OF THIS?

DON'T KNOW. DON'T CARE. I'VE SEVERED ALL TIES WITH THE MAN. CHANGED MY NAME. I'M *FREE* OF HIM.

SPEAKING OF WHICH--CAN WE GO? OR ARE YOU STILL GOING TO HOLD US AGAINST OUR WILLS?

HEY. GO WHEREVER YOU WANT. S.H.I.E.L.D.'S WORLDWIDE.

WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. AT ALL TIMES. *ALL* OF YOU.

AGENT MORSE, YOU IN POSITION?
AFFIRMATIVE, FURY.
GIVE ME THE STATUS OF THAT PARKER INDUSTRIES PLANE.
COMING IN FOR A LANDING AT THE NORTHERN BORDER OF SYMKARIA.
SENDING THE COORDINATES.
GROUND TROOPS, YOU ARE GOOD TO GO.
DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO. WE ARE *NOT* TREATING THIS AS A CIVILIAN CRAFT. UNDERSTOOD?
GROUND IT, BOARD IT, AND TAKE EVERYONE INSIDE INTO CUSTODY.
BUT BE CAREFUL. SPIDER-MAN AND SILVER SABLINOVA ARE ON BOARD...
...ALONG WITH ENOUGH COMBAT VEHICLES TO TAKE ON THE HULK.
SO YOU BE READY FOR ANYTHING!
ORRR NOTHING. FURY, WE'VE BEEN HAD.
WHAT?!
IT'S EMPTY.
DON'T SAY THAT. I DO NOT WANT TO HEAR THE WORD "EMPTY"!
BUT, SIR--
SPIDER-MAN? SABLE? THE CREW?
NOBODY'S HERE. MUST'VE BEEN PILOTED BY REMOTE.
PUT AGENT MORSE ON!
UM. MOCKINGBIRD'S NOT WITH US, SIR. WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO HER THROUGH COMMS.

BOBBI!
YES, SIR.
YOUR POSITION. NOW!
CHECK YOUR TOP DRAWER.
SWEAR TO GOD, MORSE, UNLESS YOU GOT YOUR HANDS ON SOME PYM PARTICLES...
...AND PHYSICALLY SHRUNK YOUR ASS INSIDE HERE...
...THERE'S GONNA BE HELL TO PAY.
YOU'LL FIND MY I.D. AND MY BADGE.
CONSIDER THIS MY RESIGNATION FROM S.H.I.E.L.D., NICK...
...MOCKINGBIRD OUT.
WELL, THAT WAS A NICE CAREER WHILE IT LASTED.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SACRIFICE, MORSE.
I'M SURE SABLE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO OFFER YOU A SPOT WITH US ON *THE WILD PACK.*
DIDN'T DO IT FOR HER. *AH.* HERE THEY COME NOW.
THE SOUTHERN SYMKARIAN BORDER.
ERRRRRTT
SO...WE'RE FOREIGN INVADERS NOW?
SUUURE. WHEN *I* DO IT, IT'S A BAD THING. BUT WHEN *CAP, NAMOR,* AND THE *HUMAN TORCH* DO IT, IT'S COOL.
THEY WERE FIGHTING NAZIS.
I FIGHT NAZIS ALL THE TIME. AND I'M *NO* INVADER.
I'M *HOME.*
HEY, BOBBI, THANKS FOR DOING THIS. I OWE YOU ONE.
I'VE WORKED WITH YOU LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING HERE...
...YOU'RE DOING IT FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.
AWW. YOU *BELIEVE* IN ME.
OKAY. NOW YOU'RE MAKING IT WEIRD.

SPIDER, COME. MEET MY NEW *WILD PACK.*

TANGO, JULIET, X-RAY, FOXTROT, AND ROMEO.

ROMEO AND JULIET. YOU GUYS KNOW HOW THAT ENDS, RIGHT?

STOP. THEY'RE CALL SIGNS.

THESE ARE MY GENERALS, EACH LEADING THEIR OWN BATTALION OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

ALL SYMKARIANS?

SOME. MOST ARE SOLDIERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE. DELVADIA. NADUA.

WAR-TORN REGIONS THAT WANT TO SEE OSBORN, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DEATH MERCHANT, DETHRONED.

HERE'S HOPING THIS WILL HELP. EVERY KIND OF SPIDER-VEHICLE YOU GUYS COULD WANT.

ARACHNO-JETS. SPIDER-CYCLES. WEB-TANKS.

NICE. SO WHERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS?

HUH?

JUST MESSIN' WITH YOU. IF IT DRIVES, FLIES, OR SHOOTS, WE KNOW HOW TO WORK IT.

HA. OKAY, RULE ONE--I'M THE WACKY GUY HERE. THAT'S *MY* THING.

TRY THAT AGAIN, AND I'M TAKING MY TOYS AND GOING HOME.

TO YOU, DEAR NORMAN. THIS FACE OF YOURS, IT'S A GIFT.

INSIDE, YOU ARE BOTH FEARSOME AND INTIMIDATING. NEVER HIDE IT.

REVEL IN IT. DRAW *STRENGTH* FROM IT.

WELL SAID, MY KATARINA.

TO US.

TO SYMKARIA. THROUGH US, SHE'LL BE STRO--

BOOM

IT APPEARS SPIDER-MAN AND SABLE HAVE BEGUN THEIR ASSAULT SOONER THAN EXPECTED.

MARCO, TELL CHEF WE WON'T HAVE TIME FOR DESSERT THIS EVENING.

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE HAD THEM ATTACKING AFTER PORT AND CIGARS.

THAT BUG WILL FOREVER VEX ME.

SO WHERE ARE THEY STRIKING FIRST?

BY THE LOOKS OF IT...

"...OUR MAIN MUNITIONS FACTORY."

KAKKAKKAKOOM

THAT'S ONE DOWN.

YOU KNOW, FOR GUYS WHO CALL THEMSELVES "THE WILD PACK," YOU ARE VERY PRECISE.

BUT MY *FAVORITE* BIT...

SKRRT

...WE GOT ALL THE WORKERS TO THE TRANSPORTS *FIRST*. MWAH!

HEY, NORMIE! I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY WATCHING THIS.

WE COULD SAVE EVERYBODY A LOT OF TIME AND SOME *MAJOR* PROPERTY DAMAGE...

...IF WE JUST CUT TO THE CHASE. C'MON. YOU AND ME. *MANO A MANO*. WINNER TAKES ALL. WHATTYA SAY? UNLESS...

...SINCE *YOU'RE NOT GREEN ANYMORE, YOU'VE GONE YELLOW.*

I DON'T THINK SO, SPIDER. YOU WON'T GOAD ME SO EASILY. NEVER AGAIN.

FOR NOW I AM CONTENT TO BE THE GOOD GENERAL AND MOVE MY PIECES FROM *THIS* SIDE OF THE BOARD.

I'M READY FOR YOU.

TANKS. GLIDERS. GOBLINS. *MOVE IN.*

TOOM TOOM

TOOM

HA HA HA HA HA

YOU *HAD* TO BAIT HIM, DIDN'T YOU?

ALL RIGHT, WE KNEW THIS WAS COMING.

FLIERS! IN THE AIR! SPIDEY, GET THE CIVILIANS OUTTA HERE!

YOU HEARD HER. WE'VE GOT TRANSPORTS. THEY'LL GET YOU TO SAFETY.

C'MON!

WHY SHOULD WE LISTEN TO YOU?

YOU COULD BE WORSE THAN THEM!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

SINCE WHEN DO THEY GET THE *DAILY BUGLE* IN SYMKARIA?

GUYS, IT'S SPIDEY. I'M A GOOD GUY. YOU CAN TRUST ME. HONEST.

ONE SIDE, SPIDER.

MY COUNTRYMEN, YOU KNOW ME.

I AM A PROUD DAUGHTER OF THESE LANDS, A *SABLINOVA*, SWORN DEFENDER OF THE REALM.

I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR MY LONG ABSENCE, BUT I SWEAR TO YOU I *HAVE RETURNED...*

...AND I WILL SEE TO IT THAT *SYMKARIA IS FREE AGAIN!*

ARE YOU WITH ME?!

WHOA.

SABLE! SABLE! SABLE!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE! ALL OF YOU! WHAT SILVER SABLE'S FRIEND SAID. THIS WAY! TO SAFETY!

THAT WAS AWESOME. FELT LIKE MUSIC WAS RISING...

...SOMETHING ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER-Y. MAYBE *EVITA*.

SPIDER, YOU'RE RAMBLING.

I JUST PROMISED MY PEOPLE THEIR FREEDOM. DON'T MAKE A LIAR OUT OF ME.

NEVER!

COME! THE GOBLINS ARE HERE. SHOW ME I'VE PUT MY FAITH IN THE RIGHT MAN.

SILVER, WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTING GOBLINS...

...I'M THE BEST YOU CAN GET!

GOBLIN ARMY, SAY HELLO TO SPIDER-MAN AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS!

WE'RE NOT CALLING OURSELVES THAT. NO ONE IS EVER CALLING THEMSELVES THAT.

BUT I DID A GOOD AL PACINO, RIGHT?

I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.

HOO-AHH!

BRATT

PKOW

CHOOM

TOKK

POOMF

HM. WE'VE LET THEM GET FAR ENOUGH. I'M ENDING THIS.

TIME TO ROLL OUT OUR BIG-TICKET ITEM.

OH, BOTHER.

I THOUGHT WE WERE SAVING THAT FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION.

BLAME OUR *UNINVITED GUESTS.* I'LL MAKE THE FINAL PREPARATIONS.

IN THE MEANTIME, LOOK TO YOUR PEOPLE.

DON'T WORRY, DEAR. I'LL REMIND THEM OF THEIR PLACE.

CITIZENS OF SYMKARIA, MY LOYAL SUBJECTS, OUR SOVEREIGN NATION IS UNDER ATTACK.

GATHER YOUR LOVED ONES, THE OLD AND THE YOUNG, YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS...

...SEEK SHELTER, LOCK YOURSELVES IN, NICE AND SAFE. LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND. AND STEER CLEAR OF THESE FOREIGN AGGRESSORS.

REMEMBER, MY DEARS, YOU ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF SYMKARIA...

...AND OUR COUNTRY'S MOST *PRECIOUS* RESOURCE.

WHY DO I *NOT* LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT?

WE KNOW WHAT'S COMING! YOU'LL SEE!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO LOSE! YOUR DEFEAT WILL BE LEGEN--

SORRY! DIDN'T CATCH THAT. YOU WERE SAYING?

PKOOM

AHHHHH!

AHH--

KTAM

YOU SEE THAT? BANK SHOT INTO THE GIANT TANK.

SHE'S *GOOD*, RIGHT?!

MY WILD PACK FIRED ON IT AS WELL, SPIDER. THEY *ALL* TOOK IT DOWN.

GIVE HER THE BANK SHOT. ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED. C'MON.

FINE. BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS. IT'S TOO EASY.

WHY'D YOU SAY THAT? NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENS AFTER SOMEONE SAYS--

WHOA! LOOK AT 'EM POPPING OUT OF THAT WRECK.

MAN, THOSE GUYS ARE TOUGH.

AND *STRONG!*

THEY SHOULD *NOT* BE ABLE TO DO THAT! HOW ARE THEY--*UMF!*

HEH HEH!

WHAT? YOU THINK THIS IS *FUNNY?*

DON'T MAKE ME! I WILL WIPE THAT GRIN RIGHT OFF YOUR--

NO! THEY'RE NOT JUST SUITS! THEY'RE *FULL ON GOBLINS!*

OSBORN, WHAT'VE YOU DONE?!

HA HA HA!

MY GOBLIN SERUM.

YOU WERE ALWAYS MY *GREATEST* INVENTION.

AND SINCE I'VE BEEN *FREE* TO STUDY YOU CLOSER, I HAVE *PERFECTED* YOU.

FOR YEARS A *TRUE* SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM HAS BEEN THE HOLY GRAIL...

...BUT WHY JUST EMPOWER SOMEONE, WHY *ONLY* MAKE THEM *SUPER?*

A GOOD *SOLDIER* FOLLOWS ORDERS, THEY *HEED* THEIR MASTER'S WILL. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DOCTOR?

I'M SURE YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, UNDERSTOOD MY *FINAL* USE FOR YOU--*MEDICAL TESTING.*

COME ALONG...

...ALMOST DONE.

SPIDER-MAN FORCED MY HAND ON THIS ONE. NOW I'LL HAVE TO CONVERT EVERYONE *AHEAD* OF SCHEDULE.

THE PEOPLE OF SYMKARIA. LIKE THE COUNTESS SAID, YOU ARE OUR MOST PRECIOUS *RESOURCE...*

...THE RAW MATERIALS FOR MY...

...INVINCIBLE ARMY OF GOBLINS!

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Uh-oh. Symkaria is in rough shape, huh? As far as Spider-Man villains go, you can't beat Norman Osborn. Terrifying, gross, awesome. I hope you enjoyed this issue and what it's done to Norman as much as I did!

How do you like living in a Stuart Immonen era of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN? Pretty great, right? He, Wade, and Marte make a great art team and Dan and I feel ridiculously lucky to have them on board! If you haven't read Stuart's past work on AVENGERS or ALL-NEW X-MEN or ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN or (cue the theme song) NEXTWAVE, get to your local comic shop and demand them!

ONE MORE RECOMMENDATION! Many of you may know the name of famed animator Hayao Miyazaki, but not all of you have seen his masterpiece *Castle Of Cagliostro*. It was really hard to get a hold of for a long time but was recently released on Blu-Ray (thanks to John Lasseter and the folks at Disney Animation). I just saw it for the first time this week and IT IS THE BEST! RUN AND WATCH IT! Now, on to your letters!

Hello, Spider-Men of the Marvel Universe team.

I have three questions, but first a backstory: I am 13 years old and me and my dad have been collecting Marvel comics for a long time. My dad thinks Spider-Man is too much of a smart donkey but I think he's great. Now on to the questions:

1. Is the Superior Octopus going to have his own comic?
2. Are we going to see how Silver Sable is alive?
3. What is CLONE CONSPIRACY: OMEGA gonna be about?

Also I love the covers that Alex Ross is doing, they look so real!

Sincerely,
Your friendly web-head,
Gabe J.

GABE! Thanks for the letter. Thanks to you and your dad for your comics love and I hope you convince him to try an issue of ASM every now and then. And isn't Alex AMAZING?! To answer your questions: 1) Too soon to say! First pick up AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #29 for the kickoff of our SECRET EMPIRE tie-in where Superior Ock is going to make Spider-Man's life hell! 2) You just read how Sable is alive. What did you think? 3.) It came out MONTHS ago. GO GET IT!

Hi Nick and the rest of the Spidey team,

I really liked AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #25, I thought it potrayed the character of Peter Parker much better than previous issues of the series. I'm a huge fan of Slott and am happy to see a great Spidey book with his name on it. I just have one question after finishing CLONE CONSPIRACY: In the first issue who is the mysterious figure seen behind a tree when Pete and Anna Maria are leaving Jerry Salteres' home? It could be a character we see later on and I'm just not connecting the dots or it could be a character Slott is planning on using in the future. If the latter is the case I hope it's the real Carrion. I'm a little disappointed that Carrion virus was a huge topic during the event but the real deal never actually showed up. Regardless I'm really excited for what this new arc will bring for Spidey and am also ready to see Doc Ock during SECRET EMPIRE.

From,
Sean

Thanks for writing in, Sean. That shadowy figure in CLONE CONSPIRACY #1 was Kaine in his Carrioned-out form!

I've never written to a comics publisher before, even though I've been reading comics since before the first issue of FANTASTIC FOUR. I finally have a question/comment worth the effort.

PLEASE tell me that Alex Ross intentionally created an homage to the Doc Savage paperback covers with the art for AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #25. That is one of the finest pieces of cover art I've ever seen.

Randy H. Smith
Hermitage, TN

Randy! Two raves for Alex Ross in one letter column... it's not enough for how great he is! You're correct that the cover to ASM #25 was an homage, but it was to the John Romita and Harry Rosenbaum SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #2 cover. I called John Romita (one of the perks of being Spider-Editor) and he confirmed that the composition came from his imagination and not a paperback!

Hey Spider-Team,

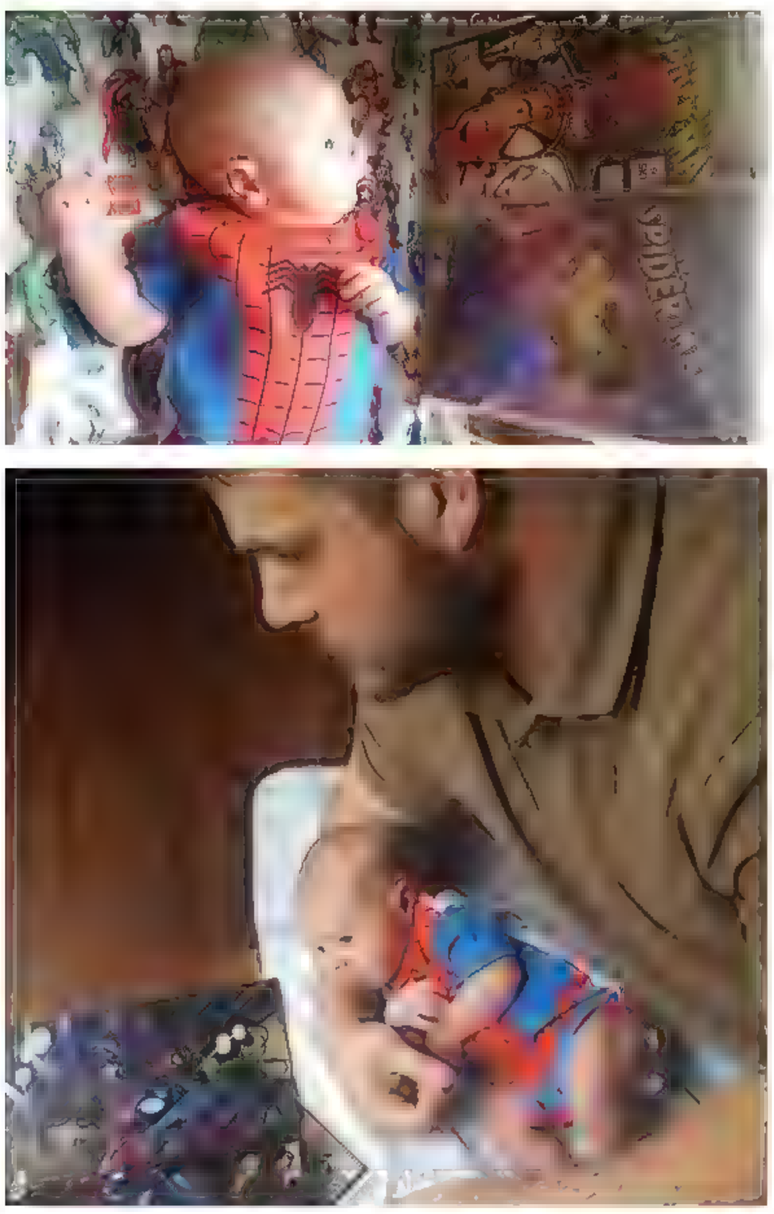
I have been a Spider-Man fan since my dad gave me my first comic when I was 6 years old. It started my fascination with the character and I've been a fan ever since. Now, I am enjoying passing this on to my son Ethan. His room has a super hero theme, but Spider-Man is obviously his favorite.

It was awesome that the new issue of AMAZING came out the week he was born! He has already visited our local comic shop Alter Ego in Marion, Iowa, to stock up on Wednesdays.

I've really enjoyed reading through all the Spider-Man titles over the years and look forward to sharing this with him. Thanks again, Spider-Team, for keeping Spider-Man the best super hero

and an amazing role model for my son.

Jared S.



Congrats to you and your family, Jared. Ethan is beautiful. What a lucky dad and what a lucky son. WOO HOO!!!

Dear Spider-fans,

Hi! I'm a subscriber to AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and I wanted to ask you guys a couple of quick questions:

• When will Scorpio return? After SECRET EMPIRE?

• I know this is probably confidential, but will AMAZING SPIDER-MAN return to legacy numbering? Thanks!

Nicholas

Hello, fellow Nicholas! Thanks for subscribing and being such a faithful fan! To answer your questions: 1) Yes, Scorpio will be returning sometime after SECRET EMPIRE! 2) You'll have to wait and see what our numerological plans are!

Dear WebHeads,

I am 39 years old and have been reading Spider-Man comics since as far back as I can remember. I actually have been on a mission the last few years to re-read all my old Spider-Man comics (starting with the '90s CLONE SAGA) and I finally just caught up with Volume 4, Issue 25 (phew!). I must say… Dan Slott…YOU ARE THE BEST WEB-SPINNER OF ALL TIME!!!

I have to admit, I have been harboring a grudge against Mr. Slott over the last few years for not allowing Spidey and MJ to get back together again. MJ was MY first crush and I wanted them back together at all costs. Then, you had the audacity to put MJ and that jerk Tony Stark together and I was ready to tear what's left of my hair out!

But, then I met a woman named Mockingbird and in Issue 25 something clicked. With Mockingbird, Spidey has a true partner to battle his foes with side-by-side and I couldn't be more excited about it! I'm no fool and realize that the ol' Parker luck will spell certain disaster for poor Mockingbird…but…for the time being I'm happy for Spidey that he has someone to share his life with and I hope you guys develop that relationship a little bit more before you destroy Spidey's life all over again. Spiders have feelings too!!!

Finally, kudos for wrapping up a clone storyline in just a few issues! Having grown up with the disaster of the '90s CLONE SAGA, I actually really enjoyed the Slott-twist you put on an old story. I especially liked seeing the Jackal as a lackey to Ben Reilly…that was awesome!!

Keep up the great work!

Until Spidey gets rid of the Green Goblin once and for all, M.M.M.!

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Davidson,
Esq., LL.M.

I OBJECT! Not really, but when such an esteemed legal eagle writes in one can't help oneself. Glad you're liking Spidey and Mockingbird's flirtation. KEEP READING!

Dear Spider-Nick,

Just when I thought that ASM would have a hard time maintaining momentum after CLONE CONSPIRACY ended... NOPE! Dan Slott has not lost awesome ideas and Stuart Immonen is rockin' it! Looks like it's just going to get better and better!

I love where this is going! Peter + Bobbi? SOLD! So many fun moments from issue #25! Can't wait for the next one!

Your Spider-friend from the Philippines,
JIGGY CRUZ

Hey Spidey Crew!

My girlfriend Brittany and I are both big fans of the web head so over the weekend I proposed to her during our cosplay photoshoot. My friend Jayce (Photosnxs on Facebook) was able to snap this shot and she said yes! I thought you guys would get a kick out of it, I like to consider this a happier alternative for Peter and Gwen. Keep on rocking!

Jonathan C.
Raleigh, NC

SO ADORABLE!!! Congrats, you two crazy kids. Great pic, great costumes! YAY!!! It'll be tough to top this picture.

This is my dog, Peter Parker. I would love to see him in my favorite super hero's book. Thank you.

Josh Crutchfield Jr.

Aaaand, you did it. SPIDER-DOG!!! AHHHHHH!!! AMAZING!!! Nothing I can say can top that. Except maybe this: join Stuart, Dan, Wade, Marte, and the rest of us next month for the concussive conclusion of the OSBORN IDENTITY!

Keep on webbing!

NICK

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NO GADGETS.
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GRACIA

WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILTY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

SPIDER-MAN'S ARCHNEMESIS, NORMAN OSBORN, HAS BEEN SELLING WEAPONS ON THE BLACK MARKET FOR MONTHS. HOT ON OSBORN'S TRAIL, THE WALL-CRAWLER CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH NONE OTHER THAN SILVER SABLE.

SABLE REVEALED THAT OSBORN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE SYMKARIAN MONARCH, COUNTESS KARKOV, TO ASSUME CONTROL OF SABLE'S NATIVE COUNTRY OF SYMKARIA AND TURN IT INTO HIS OWN PERSONAL MUNITIONS FACTORY.

PETER DECIDED TO USE HIS PARKER INDUSTRIES TECH TO INTERVENE ALONGSIDE SILVER SABLE AND HER REVOLUTIONARIES, THE WILD PACK, AND FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT MOCKINGBIRD TO LIBERATE SYMKARIA AND CAPTURE OSBORN ONCE AND ALL.

THE OSBORN IDENTITY PART FOUR: "ONE-ON-ONE"

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SYMKARIA.

ALL OF OSBORN'S SOLDIERS...HE'S PUMPED 'EM FULL OF *GOBLIN SERUM!*

THEY'RE HIS NEW SECRET WEAPON!

THAT'S WHAT HE'S GOING TO SELL WAR-TORN LANDS AROUND THE WORLD--AN ACTUAL GOBLIN ARMY!

THE COUNTESS ORDERED EVERYONE IN THE CITY TO STAY WHERE THEY WERE.

SHE TOLD THEM THEY WERE SYMKARIA'S "GREATEST RESOURCE." YOU DON'T THINK...?

BRMMM

DEAR GOD. THEY'RE GOING TO GAS THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

BOBBI! YOU'RE A SUPER-SCIENTIST *AND* YOU CAN FLY! CAN YOU--?

DISARM IT? *WAY* AHEAD OF YOU!

FOXTROT! TANGO! GET IN THE AIR! GIVE MOCKINGBIRD COVER FROM THOSE GOBLIN GLIDERS!

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US, SABLE? WHAT ARE *OUR* ORDERS?

THIS WAY! TRUST ME. THERE'S ALWAYS A RECALL SWITCH OR A SELF-DESTRUCT BUTTON.

AND IF IT'S ANYWHERE, IT'LL BE WITH OSBORN. IF WE ALL STORM THE CASTLE--

NO.

X-RAY, ROMEO, AND JULIET-- YOUR TEAMS WILL EVACUATE THE CITY.

GET MY PEOPLE AS FAR AWAY FROM THERE AS YOU CAN.

SPIDER-MAN AND I WILL TAKE CASTLE KARKOV ALONE.

SABLE, WAIT. THINGS ARE GETTING PRETTY HAIRY RIGHT NOW...

...AND THERE CAN ONLY BE *ONE* PERSON HERE CALLING THE SHOTS.

AGREED...

...AND IN *MY* HOMELAND, THAT WOULD BE *ME!* THIS WAY, SPIDER!

...

YEAH. I WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT, DIDN'T I?

MOCKINGBIRD TO S.H.I.E.L.D.! COME IN!

FURY, ARE YOU THERE?!

WE *NEED* YOU IN SYMKARIA A.S.A.P! DO YOU COPY?!

MORSE?! GET OFF THIS LINE!

THINGS HAVE ESCALATED INTO AN *INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT!* WE *NEED* BACKUP!

*NUH-UH. YOU DO **NOT** GET TO DO THIS!*

YOU *RESIGNED!* REMEMBER?!

*NICK, THEY FIRED A **MISSILE!** AT **CIVILIANS!***

WHAT?! BOBBI, WHERE ARE YOU *NOW?*

WHERE DO YOU THINK?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MY BAD GUYS?!

THEY TURN ALL THE PEOPLE IN MANHATTAN INTO SPIDERS, MY WORK FRIENDS INTO LIZARDS, EVERYONE INTO CARRIONS. NOW *THIS!*

SPIDER, *FOCUS!*

I'M JUST SAYING, WOULD IT *KILL* 'EM TO GO ROB A BANK ONCE IN A WHILE?

ALL OF YOU, PLEASE REMAIN CALM.

KNOW THAT OUR FAITHFUL SOLDIERS OF SYMKARIA WILL PREVAIL!

I SWEAR TO YOU ALL, WHEN THIS IS OVER, WE SHALL ALL RISE UP *STRONGER* THAN BEFORE!

YOU LYING *WITCH!*

NO, SHE'S GOT A POINT.

IF YOU CAN LOOK PAST A GREEN COMPLEXION AND SOME POINTY EARS.

HOW RUDE. I WAS SPEAKING!

HOLD ON, DARLINGS. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

KRANCH

NO. YOU WON'T.

COUNTESS KATRINA KARKOV, YOUR REIGN IS *OVER.*

PREACH!

JULIET TO SABLE! WE GOT A SITUATION OVER HERE!
X-RAY, ROMEO, AND ALL OUR MEN...
MA'AM, PLEASE.
LET GO OF ME!
...WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE WITH THESE CROWDS.
YOU'RE ALL IN GRAVE DANGER! YOU HAVE TO--
YOU HEARD THE COUNTESS! FIGHT BACK!
DON'T LET 'EM DRAG YOU FROM YOUR HOMES!
HMM. IT WOULD APPEAR, SABLINOVA...
...THAT I STILL *RULE*.
VERY WELL, THEN.
I *CHALLENGE* YOU--IN THE *TRUE* NAME OF SYMKARIA!
SO... THOSE AREN'T JUST WALL DECORATIONS.
I ACCEPT.
OH, SABLE...
...YOU MAY BE A FIERCE WARRIOR AND A FINE PHYSICAL SPECIMEN...
...BUT I HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO BE THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN EUROPE. YOU DON'T STAND A BEGGAR'S CHANCE.
SORRY, BUT THIS IS STUPID. WE DON'T HAVE *TIME* FOR ANY OF THESE ROYAL SHENANIGANS!
THEN LEAVE. YOU WANT OSBORN? *FIND* HIM. FINISH WHAT YOU'VE STARTED.
BUT--
GO! THAT'S AN *ORDER*.
RIGHT. AND WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?
OH, YEAH. THE TIME YOU ALMOST *DIED*.
WAIT. THAT TURNED OUT OKAY. NEVER MIND. BACK TO YOUR SABER FIGHT. USE THE FORCE! LATER.
TIME TO SEE HOW BLUE THAT BLOOD OF YOURS REALLY IS.
KLANG
DARLING, YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO SEE ME *SWEAT*.

FINDING OSBORN IN A STRANGE CASTLE?

NOT A PROBLEM. JUST HAVE TO USE MY SPIDER-SENSE IN REVERSE...

...AND HEAD TO WHERE THERE'S THE *MOST* DANGER.

OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN *IGNORING* IT.

THOK

SORRY, SHORT, SQUAT, AND SCALY. BUT *YOU'RE* NOT THE GOBLIN I'M LOOKING FOR.

THEN AGAIN, YOU'RE NOT REALLY A GOBLIN ANYMORE, *ARE* YOU, NORMIE?

HOW'S *THAT* WORKING FOR YOU? NOT EASY BEING GREEN-LESS, IS IT?

WHOA. EASY, OSBORN. C'MON. LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS FACE TO--

GYAH! YOUR FACE! WHAT'D YOU *DO* TO--

NO JOKES. UNDERSTOOD?

YOU STARTED THIS ALL SO SERIOUS, THEN YOU FOUND YOUR SENSE OF "HUMOR," DIDN'T YOU?

WHEN YOU SAW IT COULD *RATTLE* ME. LOOK AT ME. YOU DON'T WANT ME RATTLED.

STOP RIGHT THERE. SEE THIS? I RELEASE THIS TRIGGER AND THE MISSILE DETONATES.

THE YIELD WON'T BE AS GREAT. BUT I'M BETTING YOU THINK YOU CAN SAVE EVERYONE.

ALL RIGHT. NO JOKES. HAND OVER THAT TRIGGER.

YOU *KNOW* I CAN TAKE YOU. YOU HAVE *NO* GOBLIN-STRENGTH. OR HIS LEVEL OF CRAZY.

I GOT YOU BEAT.

FINE. BUT FIRST...

...YOU HAVE TO CATCH ME!

AAAND HERE WE GO. OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP. I'M NOT AN IDIOT...

...BUT ALL I NEED IS *ONE* CLEAR SHOT AND I CAN WEB THAT *KILL SWITCH* DOWN.

DANGER!

TSSSSSSS

AND...IT'S GONE?

OH, NO. I KNOW THIS GAS. THE GOBLIN USED IT ON ME ONCE...

...TO TEMPORARILY TAKE AWAY MY SPIDER-SENSE!

BUT THAT LUNATIC WAS *NEVER* ONE FOR REUSING A GAG. HE WOULD'VE FOUND IT *BORING.*

THAT'S JUST IT, THOUGH. I GOTTA REMIND MYSELF, THIS *ISN'T* GOBBY.

THIS IS COLD, CALCULATING NORMAN OSBORN.

AND HE HAS *NO* PROBLEM USING EVERY ADVANTAGE AGAINST ME.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SPIDER? CAN'T KEEP UP?

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THAT IMPRESSIVE SPIDER-SPEED OF YOURS?

HOLD ON! WHAT'VE YOU DONE--?

UMMF!

NOW, *THAT* ONE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR, "WALL-CRAWLER." EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T USED IT IN AGES.*

*THE GAS THAT ROBS SPIDEY OF HIS STICKING POWER WAS LAST SEEN IN ASM #98. --KNOW-IT-ALL NICK

DIFFERENT CHEMICALS-- INHIBITING DIFFERENT POWERS.

YOU'RE GOING TO A *LOT* OF TROUBLE HERE.

WHY?!

WHY DO YOU *THINK?* TO PUT US ON EQUAL FOOTING, OF COURSE.

AND HERE WE ARE. NEITHER THE GOBLIN NOR THE SPIDER.

FACING EACH OTHER MAN-TO-MAN. LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!

NO! IT'S OVER! 'CAUSE THIS MAN? HE'S STILL GOT SOME TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE.

WEB-SHOOTERS! CARTRIDGE SEV--

KLIK

ZRRRAKK

SORRY. THERE IS NO REMOTE DETONATOR. THIS IS A SWITCH FOR THESE PANELS...

...AND AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE!

SAY GOODBYE TO THAT PATHETIC SPIDER-ARMOR OF YOURS.

LET ME GUESS. YOUR HIGH-TECH, VOICE-ACTIVATED WEB-SHOOTERS ARE USELESS NOW TOO, RIGHT?

SHOULD'VE STUCK TO THE OLD, CRUDE MECHANICAL MODELS.

SON OF A...

SO MANY BELLS AND WHISTLES AND BONUS FEATURES. WHY, I BET THOSE NEW SPECIAL LENSES OF YOURS...

...ARE ACTUALLY MAKING IT *HARDER* TO SEE.

WELL? YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.

ADMIT IT. THIS IS *BETTER* THAN WHAT YOU WANTED.

NOW IT'LL BE FACE-TO-FACE...

...AND EYE TO EYE. *OHHH*, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO MAKE THIS PERSONAL.

I WAS OFF IN A DIFFERENT CORNER OF THE WORLD, *LITERALLY* MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS.

THEN WHAT HAPPENED? SOME OLD WOUND OPENED UP? AN *ITCH* YOU COULDN'T SCRATCH?

AND YOU CAME AFTER ME LIKE THE WRATH OF GOD. YOU *COULD* HAVE MOVED ON, BOY. I MEAN HONESTLY...

...WHAT HAVE I *EVER* DONE TO YOU?

GRRAH!

KSHHH

DID IT! THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INSIDE'S DISABLED!

BUT THESE GAS GLOBES WILL STILL SHATTER!

THEY COULD COVER HALF THE CAPITAL! GUYS, HELP ME!

FOXTROT HERE, MOCKINGBIRD. WHAT CAN WE DO?

YOU'RE IN SPIDER-PLANES! DO SOMETHING SPIDERY!

TOUCHE.

GNNH! DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT OSBORN'S WEAPON WILL DO TO OUR PEOPLE?

DO YOU EVEN CARE?!

OF COURSE, DEAR. WE ARE WELL SHIELDED HERE. BUT THEM?

THEY WILL BECOME STRONGER! AND FEARED AROUND THE WORLD!

THANK YOU.

YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME ALL THE STRENGTH I NEED.

YOU--YOU KNEW, DIDN'T YOU? THAT THERE WERE SNOW BANKS BELOW--THAT THEY'D CUSHION OUR FALL?

HUH. SURE. YOU TELL YOURSELF THAT.

COCKY AS ALWAYS. TO THE END.

WHETHER YOU DESERVE IT--

FWAK

--OR *NOT!*

UNHH!

W-WHY, OSBORN?!

MY SPIDER-SENSE WAS DOWN!

YOU-- YOU HAD ALL THOSE GASSES--

--ANY ONE OF 'EM C-COULD'VE BEEN POISON.

COULD'VE KILLED ME AT ANY TIME.

FWAM

YOU COULD'VE ALREADY *WON.* *WHY?!*

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU *KNEW*--

--THAT YOU WERE *NOTHING* COMPARED TO ME. JUST SOME *DUMB KID.*

THAT I CAN BREAK YOU WHENEVER I WANT.

WITH MY *OWN*--

KRAK

--TWO--

FTAM

--HANDS!

KRAK

DON'T YOU WORRY, BUG. I WAS NEVER GOING TO KILL YOU.

THIS WILL BE FAR BETTER.

UNHH--

SECONDS FROM NOW, MY BOMB WILL DETONATE. AND WHILE I MAY BE UNAFFECTED...

...EVERYONE WITHIN MILES OF HERE WILL BE TURNED INTO MY LOYAL GOBLIN SLAVES...

...INCLUDING YOU.

THAT WILL BE MY ULTIMATE REVENGE. YOU'LL BE *MINE.* IN THREE... TWO...

WHAT?

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

I--I DON'T *NEED* TO BEAT YOU WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.

HA. THEY HATE ME SAYING IT, BUT...I HAVE *AMAZING* FRIENDS.

FOXTROT TO MOCKINGBIRD.

HOPE THAT WAS SPIDERY ENOUGH FOR YOU, MA'AM.

THE CASTLE WAS SHIELDED. YOU'D DO *ANYTHING* TO OUR PEOPLE, KARKOV...

...AS LONG AS IT NEVER TOUCHED *YOU.*

THAT MEANT I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO FOR THE KILL--OR THE WOUND. ALL IT'D TAKE TO MAKE YOU FOLD...

...WAS A SCRATCH.

OH, AND I'VE GOT ONE MORE THING.

RUNK

I'VE GOT THIS *ROCK.*

SEE, *YOUR* PROBLEM? YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS "JUST A DUMB KID."

I WAS A *GREAT* STUDENT. TOP OF MY CLASS.

LIKE IN *PHYSICS*-- AND APPLIED *FORCE!*

BIOLOGY!

GOT EVERY *SPOT* ON THE HUMAN BODY DOWN!

ALL THOSE *VITAL* ORGANS!

KRAK

AND *GEOLOGY!*

YOU *LIKE* THIS? SYMKARIAN *QUARTZ!* HARDER THAN GRANITE!

VERY ABUNDANT IN THIS REGION.

SPAK

ENOUGH!

THAT WAS *LUCK!* ALWAYS GETTING LUCKY *RIGHT* WHEN YOU NEEDED IT.

IT WON'T-- *HUH--*

--WON'T SAVE YOU THIS TIME!

DON'T NEED IT. NEVER HAVE. DON'T YOU *GET IT YET?!*

WHY I WIN? WHY I *ALWAYS* BEAT YOU IN THE END?

BECAUSE I *NEVER* GIVE UP! I *ALWAYS* FIND A WAY!

WHAT? S.H.I.E.L.D.!

OH. RIGHT...

...AND I'M WITH THE *GOOD GUYS.*

THAT ALWAYS HELPS.

SO? HOW ABOUT IT, OSBORN. READY FOR ROUND TWO?

HUH. THAT'S RIGHT. YOU *BETTER* RUN.

BECAUSE I...

I...

OOH. HOW LONG HAVE I...?

COUPLE HOURS.

SO? HOW'D YOU GUYS DO?

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT? A LOT BETTER THAN YOU, SLUGGER.

PAY HER NO MIND, SPIDER. WITH YOUR HELP, MY PEOPLE ARE FREE OF BOTH OSBORN *AND* THE COUNTESS.

SYMKARIA WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.

WELL, WEB-HEAD? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

YOU'RE WELCOME? C'MON, NICK. OSBORN WAS A THREAT YOU SHOULD HAVE LOOKED INTO.

THE WORLD'S A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE PARKER INDUSTRIES--

HELL NO. YOU AND PARKER, YOU TOOK IT UPON YOURSELVES TO *OVERTHROW* A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

S.H.I.E.L.D. WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

IN FACT, WE'RE SEVERING *ALL* TIES WITH YOU. FROM HERE ON OUT, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

WONDERFUL. THERE'S GOING TO BE ALL KINDS OF BLOWBACK FROM THIS ONE.

THE *LEAST* OF WHICH--S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS OUR BIGGEST CLIENT. I COULD REALLY USE SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT--

WAIT. THOSE TRUCKS. THEY'RE FROM *THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION!*

THANK YOU, MISS.

IT'S NO PROBLEM, DEAR.

THERE'S NO NEED TO CROWD. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF FOOD, WATER, AND SUPPLIES FOR EVERYONE.

MRS. PARKER? HARRY? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

WHAT WE DO BEST. HELPING OTHERS, KEEPING BUSY, AND CLEANING UP AFTER MY NEPHEW.

BUT PLEASE DON'T TELL HIM I SAID THAT, MR. SPIDER-MAN.

NO. PLEASE *DO.* AND GET IT ON FILM.

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, IF YOU *DO* SEE PETE...

...TELL 'IM I'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE, LOOKING AFTER HIS AUNT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO. REALLY.

NO. I DO.

MY FATHER...HE DID A NUMBER ON THESE PEOPLE. I HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE RIGHT BY THEM.

HARRY, THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION HAS THIS COVERED. AS FAR AS YOUR DAD GOES...

...*YOU* ARE *NOT* RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING NORMAN DOES. YOU MADE A CLEAN BREAK.

YOU'RE YOUR *OWN* MAN NOW. YOU *DON'T* WANT TO BE LIKE HIM...

...GO HOME AND *BE* THERE FOR YOUR TWO BOYS.

YOU'RE RIGHT. FOCUS ON WHAT *REALLY* MATTERS...

"...FAMILY."

I HAVE HIDDEN BANK ACCOUNTS. SLUSH FUNDS. ALL THE RESOURCES TO START AGAIN. BUT I WON'T. NOT *YET*...

...BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT I *REALLY* NEED.

TO PUT AN END TO THE *ONE* THING THAT *ALWAYS* GETS IN MY WAY: THE SPIDER.

AND I *CAN'T* DO IT LIKE *THIS*. THE ONLY TIMES I'VE EVER COME CLOSE TO BEATING THAT DAMN BUG...

...IS WHEN I'VE LET MY DEMONS OUT. I NEED *HIM*. MY *REAL* FACE! I *NEED* HIS *MADNESS!*

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE OSBORN IDENTITY THAT MATTERS. THE *GREEN GOBLIN MUST LIVE AGAIN!*

THE END...P

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Web-heads!

Well, how about THAT?! What a crackling issue! There is nothing quite as thrilling as Peter getting his butt thoroughly kicked, huh? This is just the START of the butt-kicking Peter is in for over the next few months. Get ready because next issue starts our SECRET EMPIRE tie-in arc. And boy, is it a doozy! More on that later. First, some letters!

Dan,

It's really good to see Silver Sable back again! When, exactly, was she killed off, though...? You never covered that. Stuart is doing some great work here with Dan Slott; I'd rate this above anything X-MEN or STAR WARS I read today. My hope for Silver Sable is that someday she'll join the Avengers!!! Hey, she joined Heroes For Hire, yes? There are Avengers who use guns, yes? Like Deadpool and Black Widow, to name a few.

Then you could use her Avengers superstardom to launch another Wild Pack series! Or Silver Sable and the Wild Pack, like it used to be. It'd have a better shot, too. And hey, if Parker Industries could finance S.H.I.E.L.D., then maybe Silver Sable could finance the Avengers someday! Tony Stark is still dead, right? I guess Parker Industries finances the Avengers now, yeah--but for how long?

Cheers,
Andrew J. Shaw

Thanks for the note, Andrew. For those not on the Marvel Staff, Andrew is one of our most faithful letter writers. Glad you enjoyed the issue. Ms. Sablinova was "killed" back in the "Ends of the Earth" story back in ASM #687! I would LOVE to see her on the Avengers, so I'll do what I can there.

Hi Spidey-Office,

My name is Sebas. Although it's late, finally I've finished reading DEAD NO MORE: THE CLONE CONSPIRACY (and also all the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN issues till #26), and I want to say it was great, I loved this Spidey event, I think Dan Slott is doing a great work with Spidey since always!

Keep it like this! I can't wait to see what happens next, with this SUPERIOR return.

Thank you for your time,
Sebas

Hello Spidey-Office

I have a few questions;

1. Why did you decide to explore Spider-Man/Peter Parker's darker characteristics during the "Osborn Identity" arc?

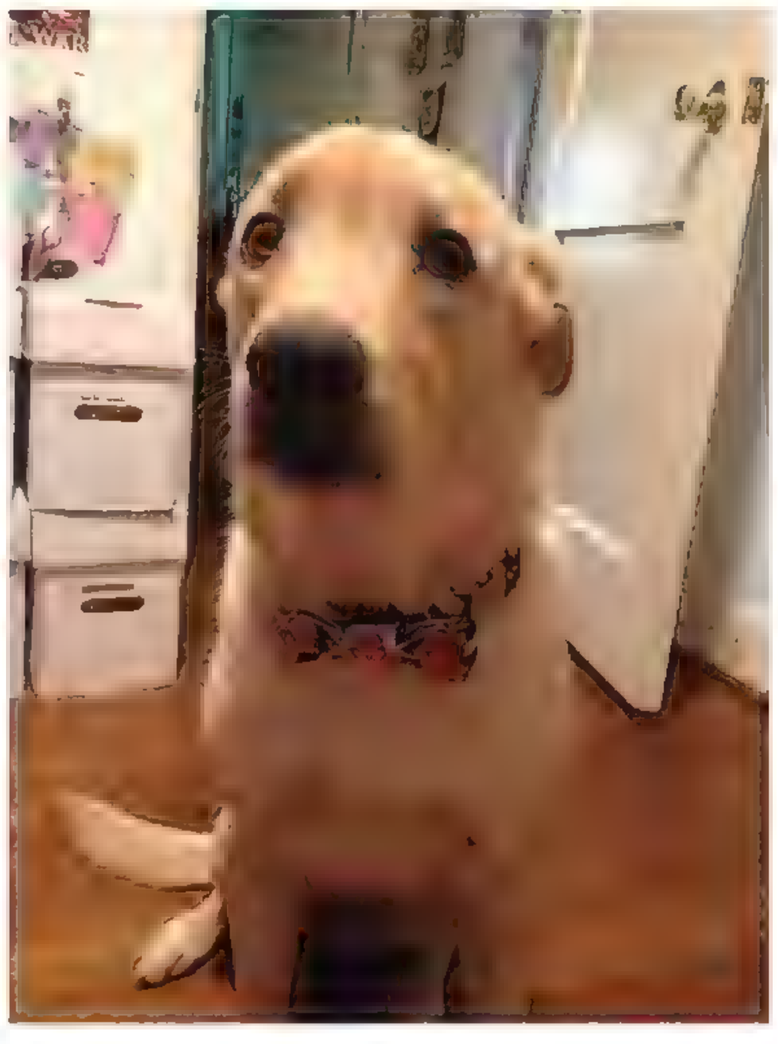
2. How does it feel having Stuart Immonen on the ASM title?

Yours sincerely,
Emeka Uzoh

Thanks for writing in, Emeka. To answer your questions, Dan loves putting Peter through a roller coaster of emotions and especially loves pushing him to dark places so with the return of his greatest foes, it seemed like a perfect spot for Parker Noir! And it feels INCREDIBLE to have Stuart on ASM. He's the best in the biz in his rightful place on the best book in the biz!

See you in three weeks for ASM #30 where you'll witness the return of the SUPERIOR OCTOPUS and see what role he's got in Steve Rogers' Secret Empire. HINT: It doesn't bode well for Peter.

And one last thing, last issue I messed up the name of one one of our letter writers. Parker the Spider-Dog's servant is named JOHN Crutchfield, Jr. Mea Culpa, John. But I know Parker is VERY disappointed. See for yourself.



FORGIVE ME, PARKER!

Keep on webbing!

NICK

NEXT ISSUE:

WE GOT A 10-30E, REPEAT, ROBBERY IN PROGRESS, ENHANCED PERPETRATOR, SEND BACKUP--

BACKUP'S HERE, PAL. WHO'S THE--

ROXXON

POLICE

BKRAASHH

NEVER MIND, I FIGURED IT OUT.

HEY, SHRINKING VIOLET. WHO'RE YOU, THE DOLLAR-STORE KNOCKOFF OF THE HULK?

THWIP

THWIP

I'M A ROXXON CORPORATION B.E.R.S.E.R.K.E.R., YOU IDIOT! I'M SECURITY HERE!

THE THIEF'S INSIDE. CALLS HIMSELF--

SPIDEY KNOWS WHO I AM. I JUST LIKE SAYING IT... LOUD.

AHHH

OH, NO.

CLAYTON, YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THIS!

"POLICE & THIEVES"

CHRISTOS GAGE: WRITER TODD NAUCK: ARTIST
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EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS, YOU MAKE IT HARDER TO FIX THINGS! I KNOW PARKER AND I MISJUDGED YOU--

NAH, I'M NOT EVEN MAD AT YOU GUYS ANYMORE. THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN ANYWAY. I MEAN, I STARTED IN HIGH SCHOOL!*

TRYING TO FIT IN, PLAY BY THE RULES...THAT JOB AT PARKER INDUSTRIES WASN'T ME. THIS... *THIS* IS ME!

IF THE VILLAIN SUIT FITS-- *UFF!*

*SEE *SPIDER-MAN: LEARNING TO CRAWL!* --NOSTALGIC NICK

WHOK

GOOD ONE. BUT MY NEW COSTUME USES LOW-GRADE SONIC VIBRATIONS AS VIRTUAL BODY ARMOR. NOT BAD, *HUH?*

THAT'S TERRIFIC. HERE'S A WACKY IDEA: SELL IT AND MAKE A FORTUNE LEGALLY!

YOUR PARENTS KEEP CALLING PARKER. THEY'RE BESIDE THEMSELVES.

I KNOW. ISN'T IT GREAT?

THEY WANTED ME TO BE A CORPORATE STOOGE LIKE THEM. JUST ANOTHER SUIT IN A RIGGED SYSTEM. INSTEAD I'M TEARING IT DOWN!

THIS IS THE BEST THING I'VE EVER DONE!

STEALING? COME ON, CLAYTON, YOU'RE SMARTER THAN THIS!

POLICE

STEALING FROM *ROXXON!* AND SCUM LIKE THEM!

IF YOU HAVE PROOF THEY'RE BREAKING THE LAW--

ALL SET, BOSS! EVERYTHING'S LOADED UP.

AH, MY VOX POPULI HAVE SPOKEN. THAT MEANS "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE." AND SOMETIMES...

WAKE UP! THEY DON'T *HAVE* TO BREAK LAWS, THEY *MAKE* LAWS. THEY BUY POLITICIANS AND DESTROY THE PLANET PERFECTLY LEGALLY!

"...THE PEOPLE SPEAK LOUDEST OF ALL!"

JEWELS!

I GOT ONE!

HEY! THAT'S ROXXON PROPERTY!

NO! STOP! YOU'LL KILL SOMEONE!

YOU STAY OUT OF THIS, OR I'LL SMASH YOU--

BTOOOM

"SMASH"? YOU'RE REALLY PUSHING IT WITH THE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, PAL.

TAKE A TIME-OUT AND THINK ABOUT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WHILE I FINISH WITH--

GONE. CLASH MUST'VE HAD A GETAWAY DRIVER.

WHAT ARE JEWELS DOING IN A ROXXON FACILITY ANYWAY? WHAT KIND OF PLACE--

--ARE--

--ARE YOU LUNATICS TURNING ANIMALS INTO CYBORG MONSTERS?

STRAY ANIMALS, MARKED FOR EUTHANASIA, INTO LIVING WEAPONS FOR OUR PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES. ALL QUITE LEGAL.

NOW, THIS IS PRIVILEGED WORK PRODUCT...A VERY EXPENSIVE AND IRREPLACEABLE PROTOTYPE. SO I'LL HAVE TO INSIST YOU LEAVE.

TRY FINDING THE ACTUAL CRIMINALS WHO ***STOLE*** OUR GEMS. THEY'RE A CRUCIAL COMPONENT IN OUR BATTLE SUITS' LASER SYSTEMS.

YOU-- YOU--

RRAAA!

FINE.

OKAY, RESOLVED: ROXXON IS *EVIL*. BUT I STILL HAVE TO BRING IN CLAYTON. ROBBING BAD GUYS DOESN'T MAKE YOU A GOOD GUY. I MEAN, HE'S GOT HENCHMEN!

A TRIP TO JAIL INSPIRED HIM TO GO STRAIGHT ONCE. THIS IS FOR THE BEST. AND IF I KEEP REPEATING THAT, MAYBE I'LL EVEN START TO BELIEVE IT.

HIS HENCHMEN, ON THE OTHER HAND...

THERE WE GO. LOOKS LIKE HE JUST FENCED THE JEWELS.

PAWN SHOP

GOOD. PUT THE REST IN THE CREW'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. GIVE 'EM ENOUGH WALKING-AROUND MONEY TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO GET *INTO* TROUBLE.

GOT IT, BOSS. YOU GOT ENOUGH FOR WHAT YOU NEED?

OH, YEAH.

I CAN GET BACK TO THE OTHER GUY LATER. GOTTA WAIT UNTIL CLASH IS AWAY FROM PEOPLE...*AHH*, WHO AM I KIDDING? I'M STALLING.

I NEVER COULD TAG CLASH WITH A SPIDER-TRACER BECAUSE HIS SONICS DISABLE THEM.

SUCK IT UP, SPIDEY. CLAYTON MAY BE A DECENT GUY AT HEART, BUT HE MESSED UP. HE BROKE THE LAW. IT'S NOT COMPLICATED.

WOW. YOU'RE NOT MESSING AROUND, ARE YOU?

HEY, WHOEVER SAID MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS MUST'VE LACKED IMAGINATION.

ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

AWW...THEY'RE ADORABLE!

THEY'VE HAD IT TOUGH. LAB EXPERIMENTS. BEST YOU DON'T KNOW ANY MORE THAN THAT.

I GAVE YOU ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR LIFE, RIGHT?

JOSIE'S NO-KILL Animal Rescue

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE DO IT HERE.

YUP. NOT COMPLICATED AT ALL.

DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS, CLAYTON...

"SPIDER-MAN TAKE-UP!"

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LET'S GO, DUNK. I'VE GOT HOMEWORK!

JUST ONE MORE STORY, BERT, PLEASE? I WON'T READ THEM THE LETTERS PAGE THIS TIME, I SWEAR!

LET THEM SLEEP! THEY'VE ALREADY HAD A LONG DAY OF PUTTING UP WITH YOU.

WHATEVER, HOLLY. GOOD NIGHT, LITTLE DUDERS! TOMORROW I'LL TEACH YOU ALL ABOUT THE TIME THOR WAS A FROG!

ZZZ

!

?

NNN

"NOW, WHERE IS WHITE RABBIT?" SPIDER-MAN SAID TO NO ONE IN PARTICULAR.

THAT SPIDER-TRACER I PLANTED SAYS SHE'S *SOMEWHERE* AROUND HERE.

AHA! PERFECT TIMING! I'D BET MY LAST DOLLAR THERE'S SOMETHING *REALLY* COOL IN THAT BIG MYSTERY BOX.

YOUR MONEY, GENTLEMEN. FEEL FREE TO COUNT IT-- IT'S ALL THERE. I PRESUME MY PURCHASE IS IN THAT CRATE?

IT'S TIME TO PLAY "WHAT'S IN THE BOX?!"

SPIDER-MAN! TAKE CARE OF HIM, BOYS!

IT'S OBVIOUSLY BIGGER THAN A BREAD BOX. A BIG-SCREEN TV? OH, I KNOW! IS IT A STATUE OF ME? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO TEST OUT MY NEW TOY! I'VE BEEN REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!

MAYBE IT'S MORE OF A PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTION. IS IT HAPPINESS? IS *HAPPINESS* IN THE BOX?

IS IT IMPORTED JEANS? YOU GUYS LOOK FASHIONABLE.

"SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED"?! YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!

THWIP

WHICH BRINGS UP SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED--DO YOU HAVE TO BUY YOUR OWN MASKS OR DOES WHITE RABBIT SUPPLY THEM?

MY SPIDER-SENSE MUST BE ON THE FRITZ!

OR DO YOU JUST GET REIMBURSED FOR--HUH?!

I COULD HAVE SWORN THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE!

THWACK

POW

A LITTLE SAUSAGE-ME? CAN'T SAY I'VE SEEN THIS TECH BEFORE!

IS *THIS* WHAT WAS IN THE BOX? SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF A BIG BOX.

AND IT SHOOTS WEBS, TOO? PRETTY COOL, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT.

THWIP

THWIIIIIIIIIP

STOP IT! LET GO! LET GO!

HEY! MY WEB-SHOOTER!

OH.

ARE WE ON THE SAME SIDE? I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED BY OUR SIMILAR FASHION SENSE.

SO, DO *YOU* KNOW WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

WAIT A SEC... WHERE'S RABB--

CRASH

GIVE IT UP, SPIDER-MAN! MY NEW **RABBITECH** SUIT IS UNSTOPPABLE! THE BROCHURE SAID SO!

OH! IT'S A SUIT OF ROBOT RABBIT ARMOR! THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY NEXT GUESS!

LOOKS LIKE MY LEFT WEB-SHOOTER IS RUNNING ON EMPTY THANKS TO YOU.

AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE VERY LATE! THE LATE, GREAT SPIDER-MAN!

GAH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SPIDER-MAN? GOING MAD?

WELL, DON'T WORRY! WE'RE ALL MAD HERE!

OF **COURSE** I'M MAD! THOSE WEBS AREN'T CHEAP!

NICE TRY, SPIDER-MAN, BUT I'M READY FOR YOU THIS TI--

EH? WHO'S THIS SQUIRT? YOUR SIDEKICK?

YOU SEE HIM, TOO? SO I'M *NOT* CRAZY! WAIT...I FORGET WHO I'M TALKING TO.

I'LL DEAL WITH *YOU* ONCE I FINISH CRUSHING DAD.

WHAT THE--

HOLY MACAROONS!

LOOK, I'M THUH-*RILLED* THAT YOU WERE HERE TO HELP APPREHEND WHITE RABBIT AND THE REST OF THOSE STOOGES, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO HORN IN ON MY FRANCHISE, YOU REALLY NEED TO WORK ON YOUR WISECRACKS.

UGH. WHO INVENTED SIX IN THE MORNING? IT'S BARELY LIGHT OUT!

DO YOU THINK SPIDER-MAN HAS TO MAKE HOMEROOM BY EIGHT? THAT GUY PROBABLY NEVER EVEN HAD TO GO TO SCHOOL! SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK.

CHEER UP, GUYS! I BROUGHT DONU--

NO MORE TEAM-UPS

WHOA.

WHAT HAPPENED TO *YOU*?!

!

TSUM TSUM VOL. 2...*COMING TSUM!*

SHANGHAI.

MY SPIDEY-SENSE--!

JAMES ASMUS: WRITER TANA FORD: ARTIST
ANDRES MOSSA: COLORS VC'S TRAVIS LANHAM: LETTERING

--ISN'T TINGLING, BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

BUT--DR. *CHANG?*--IS THE TURBINE *SUPPOSED* TO DO THAT?

NO.

RATHER--NOT *THEORETICALLY.* BUT WE *ARE* TESTING ITS UPPER LIMITS.

WHRRR

SEVERAL WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY COMPANIES HAD COMMISSIONED US TO DEVELOP A WAY TO *STORE* EXCESS ENERGY PRODUCED IN PEAK HOURS.

KINETIC CONVERSION HAS BEEN THE SAFEST AND MOST EFFICIENT...

...BUT SINCE OUR MR. *PARKER* LET YOU *WEAPONIZE* OUR SIGNATURE WEBWARE DEVICES,* OUR PARTNERS LOST *CONFIDENCE.*

WE EITHER *EXCEED* EXPECTATIONS OR LOSE *MILLIONS* IN INVESTMENT.

*CLONE CONSPIRACY #5! --NOTATIN' NICK

MIN, PETE ONLY DID THAT TO *SAVE LIVES.*

HELPING THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT WILL *ALWAYS* BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE *BOTTOM LINE.*

DEET-DEET

LIEN?

SPIDER-MAN! I JUST GOT A MESSAGE--AN *ALERT* FROM THE POLICE. IT'S--

--A HOSTAGE SITUATION!

I'LL REPEAT SO THOSE OF YOU WHO SPEAK ENGLISH CAN HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

MY PARTNER AFTERSHOCK AND I WILL NOT WAIT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES--

--THESE PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE CROWD-SOURCING THIS PIECE!

YOU WANNA LIVE? YOU BETTER TEXT, STREAM, BLOG, AND BEG FOR ANY GENEROUS SOULS YOU CAN REACH TO SEND EMBER UP THERE MONEY!

ANY APP OR BANK ACCOUNT--WIRE TO LIFEORDEATH@BLACKFUNDS.##!

HEY! BIG DONORS COMING IN! BUT YOU'RE STILL $185,000 SHORT OF OUR GOAL! IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE FOLKS TO GET MELTED OR DEEP-FRIED, YOU HAVE...

...SIX MINUTES TO CONVINCE YOUR FOLLOWERS AND LOVED ONES TO DONATE GENEROUSLY!

SEE-- THIS IS THE PROBLEM WITH THE WORLD TODAY...

...ALL ANYBODY CARES ABOUT IS THE *MONEY.*

IN MY DAY, KOOKY BAD GUYS LIKE YOU WERE IN IT FOR THE *PASSION!* THE *ART!*

THE *FACE-PUNCHES!*

‹IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, EVERYONE. WE'RE HERE TO HELP.›*

‹PLEASE! MY *MOTHER*-- I THINK SHE'S HAVING A *HEART ATTACK!*›

*TRANSLATED FROM (WU CHINESE? MANDARIN?)

‹SIR, IN JUST A *MINUTE*, I'M SURE SPIDER-MAN WILL--›

‹*PLEASE!* SHE NEEDS HELP *NOW!*›

AWW... DON'T TELL ME--LITTLE OLD LADY COULDN'T HANDLE THE *SHOCK?!*

THEN GRAB HER *PHONE* AND *PAY UP!* OR YOU'LL BE THE *NEXT* TO GET--

LIEN?!

CARTRIDGE SIX!

Y'KNOW, IF YOU TWO ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER A *LOT*--

--YOU REALLY SHOULD INVEST IN AN *INSULATED* SUIT.

THANKS. I HAD MY HANDS FULL.

SHE NEEDS AN *EMERGENCY ROOM*. YOU--?

GOT THIS. GO!

--DOCTOR SAYS SHE'S STABLE.

SEE? IT'S GOOD YOU CAME WITH ME. YOU'RE A *HERO*, LIEN. YOU SHOULD TAKE THE CORPORATE CARD AND REWARD YOURSELF. *OOH*--MAYBE THAT LEGO HELICARRIER?!

NERD.

WHATEVER *THAT* WAS--I SINCERELY HOPE IT WAS *WORTH* IT.

CHANG! MIN! IS--IS EVERYONE *OKAY?!*

THE SAFETY SYSTEM TOOK CARE OF THE FIRE.

BUT IF *YOU* WERE HERE, WE COULD HAVE SAVED A FEW *MILLION DOLLARS* AND *SEVEN WEEKS'* WORK.

I'M *SORRY.* TRULY...

...BUT PETER *AGREES*--WE'RE IN THIS TO SAVE *LIVES*, NOT MONEY. AND THERE'S AT LEAST ONE WOMAN WHO *WOULDN'T* BE ALIVE TONIGHT IF I STAYED.

THEN I *AM* GLAD FOR *HER.* AND I WON'T WISH YOU HAD DONE DIFFERENTLY.

BUT YOU *AND* PARKER NEED TO UNDERSTAND--THESE LOSSES ARE *ADDING UP.*

AND VERY SOON, PARKER INDUSTRIES WILL *PAY THE PRICE.*

THE END

YEARS AGO...

GOD, I HATE QUIET NIGHTS.

"MUTTS ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

HANNAH BLUMENREICH WRITER & PENCILER
JORDAN GIBSON INKER
JORDIE BELLAIRE COLORIST
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IT'S LIKE, DO YOU PEOPLE EVEN APPRECIATE HOW LONG IT TAKES ME TO COME OUT HERE?

OH, HEY! IT'S OKAY, LITTLE GUY!

OH, *HAHA*, I GUESS I LOOK PRETTY CREEPY, HUH?

IT'S FOR SCARING BADDIES.

YOU'RE NOT SO BAD, THOUGH, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE PROBABLY HUNGRY, HUH? WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ODDS ARE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THIS DUMPSTER?

LET'S SEEEEE... *OH!*

A SANDWICH!

YOU'RE A LUCKY, LUCKY DOG, YOU KNOW? I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING WHEN I WANT TO.

SNIFF SNIFF

I'M GONNA CALL YOU THAT. I'M GONNA CALL YOU "SANDWICH."

ALSO, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HEIGHTS?

HEY, SANDWICH, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT COMING HOME WITH ME?

WE EAT AT THE TABLE, PETER.

NO, I KNOW, I JUST GOT A LOT OF HOMEWORK TONIGHT.

SO BRING YOUR HOMEWORK OUT HERE.

IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, I REALLY WORK BETTER IN MY ROOM.

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A MESS, LIKE THAT TIME YOU GOT FOOD ON THE CEILING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW YOU MANAGED THAT.

OH, MY GOD, *ONE TIME* THAT HAPPENED.

PETER, YOU EAT AT THE TABLE, IN A CHAIR. I REALLY DON'T THINK I'M ASKING TOO--

BARK!

IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING, PROBABLY THE PIPES--DO YOU EVER HEAR PIPES AND IT SOMETIMES SOUNDS LIKE DOGS BARKING? I DO, ALL THE TIME. IT'S TOTALLY NORMAL, DEFINITELY NOT WORTH LOOKING INTO.

NEIL

I MEAN, I WOULDN'T... BOTHER...

HIS NAME IS SANDWICH.

WE'RE CALLING ANIMAL CONTROL.

WHAT?!

PETER, THERE'S NO DOGS ALLOWED HERE. YOU KNOW THIS.

COME ON, AUNT MAY, HE CAN STAY ONE NIGHT. THAT'S, LIKE, NOTHING.

CALL THIS NUMBER. CALL THIS NUMBER AND TELL THEM TO COME GET THAT DOG BEFORE WE'RE EVICTED.

FINE. I'LL CALL. AND GET THAT THING OFF YOUR BED, IT PROBABLY HAS FLEAS.

SANDWICH DOESN'T HAVE FLEAS!

YOU'D TELL ME IF YOU HAD FLEAS, RIGHT, SANDWICH?

PETER, WE CAN'T KEEP A DOG.

WHATEVER.

THE NEXT DAY...

HOW WAS SCHOOL?

FINE. WE LEARNED ALL ABOUT DOGS AND HOW GREAT THEY ARE AND HOW EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ONE.

THAT'S NICE.

DID YOU GET ME A FISH?

IT'S NOT EXACTLY A DOG, BUT IT'S AS CLOSE AS I COULD GET.

THANK YOU, AUNT MAY.

YOU'RE WELCOME, PETER.

I'M GOING TO NAME IT AFTER YOU.

PLEASE DON'T.

NO.

IN YOUR HONOR.

MAY THE FISH.

PETER.

IS "*MAY THE FISH BE WITH YOU*" A GOOD PUN? I CAN'T TELL. I'M GOING TO USE IT ANYWAY.

I'LL FLUSH YOU ***BOTH*** DOWN THE TOILET IF YOU KEEP THIS UP.

THE END.

the A-MAY-ZING SPIDER-AUNT

Where's that coupon?

Cale Atkinson

May, there's something I've been meaning to show you...

'PLOP'

EEEEEP!

?

DIE! DIE! DIE!

'Gulp'

You were saying, sweetie?

STOP THIS MADNESS!!

That's better! Have fun, boys!

?

SCIENCE

GOBLINS.

HEY!

Now, now, surely your new friends have time for some tea...

The AUTO EMPIRE

SPEED LIMIT 10MPH

CLOSED

THIS WILL BE FINE. YOU MAY DROP ME OFF *HERE.*

YOU SURE? THIS JUNKYARD'S IN THE MIDDLE A' NOWHERE.

AND YOU DON'T EVEN GOT *SHOES,* MAN.

YOU STEP ON SOMETHING, YOU'RE GONNA GET TETANUS.

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY. I AM IN *EXCELLENT* SHAPE.

IN FACT, I'VE NEVER BEEN HEALTHIER IN MY LIFE.

HEY, THEY'RE *YOUR* FEET.

THANK YOU FOR THE LIFT, TOMÁS, AND THE CONCERN.

IN TIME, I SHALL *REWARD* YOU.

DON'T BOTHER. REALLY. THIS WAS ON THE WAY.

NO. YOU'LL SEE. I AM GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS. CHANGE THE WORLD.

AND ON THAT DAY, *YOU* WILL BE ONE OF THE FAVORED.

WHATEVER YOU SAY, PAL.

LAST TIME I PICK UP A HITCHHIKER. THAT GUY...

"...HE WAS SOMETHING ELSE."

THIS BODY IS PERFORMING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. AND WHY SHOULDN'T IT?

THIS *PROTO-CLONE* IS BETTER THAN *ANYTHING* THE JACKAL COULD'VE DESIGNED...

...BECAUSE I *PERFECTED* IT.*

*SEE THE CLONE CONSPIRACY *EVENT.* --NICK

HMM. THE FACE IS A MARKED IMPROVEMENT TOO.

A SYNTHESIS OF SPIDER-CLONE AND MY *OWN* DNA.

BUT THERE'S NO DENYING THE STRONGER, MORE PREDOMINANT FEATURES ARE THOSE OF...

...OTTO OCTAVIUS!

WHAT A JOURNEY I'VE BEEN ON. FROM SCIENTIST TO SPIDER-MAN'S GREATEST FOE...

...TO THE SUPERIOR MIND THAT TOOK HIS PLACE...

...FOR ALL TOO BRIEF A TIME. NEVER MIND. WHAT MATTERS IS I *SURVIVED!*

AND THAT I AM *BACK*, READY FOR MY GREATEST ADVENTURE OF ALL!

COMPUTER, ACCESS CODE: 8-THETA-8.

WHRRR

GREETINGS, DOCTOR.

IT HAS BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE NEEDED TO USE THIS WEST COAST BASE.

NICE TO SEE EVERYTHING'S RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

STILL, NO TIME FOR DAWDLING. THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE!

COMPUTER, DISPLAY ALL RECENT MEDIA CONCERNING *PARKER INDUSTRIES.*

--STOCK TOOK A TUMB TODAY.

--MASSIVE RECALLS OF PARKER INDUSTRIES' TOP-SELLING WEBWARE--

--REPORTS OF THE DEVICES MALFUNCTIONING--

--CONSUMERS COMPLAINING OF NOSEBLEEDS, VERTIGO, AND

--CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS NAMING PETER PARKER--

IDIOT! WHY ISN'T PARKER PUTTING A STOP TO THIS?!

I BUILT THAT COMPANY FOR *ME!* FROM THE GROUND UP!

I WAS GOING TO USE IT TO *ADVANCE ALL OF MANKIND!* AND NOW-- HE'S GOING TO *RUIN EVERYTHING!*

ENOUGH! FOR THE SAKE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD...

...YOUR TIME OF RUNNING MY EMPIRE IS OVER!

DO YOU HEAR ME, PARKER?! DO YOU--

BAM!

--WHAT? THIS STATION... IT'S CLEAN.

TOO CLEAN. I HAVEN'T BEEN DOWN HERE IN YEARS. HOW--?

OCTOPUS-SENSE TINGLING!

HAIL HYDRA!

STAND DOWN INTRUDER! IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

"INTRUDER"?! ME?!

OF ALL THE UNMITIGATED GALL!

FIRST PARKER, AND NOW *YOU?!*

ZRAK

ZAPP

GOOD GOD! LOOK AT HIM MOVE!

YOU'RE *PARASITES!* ALL OF YOU!

FEASTING OFF THE FRUITS OF *MY LABORS!*

KRAK

GNHH!

WELL, I SAY *NO MORE!*

IT IS TIME TO *RECLAIM* WHAT IS *MINE!*

AH! LET GO!

TIME FOR YOU ALL TO *PAY* FOR YOUR *EFFRONTERY!*

OR, IN OTHER WORDS...

...THE DIE IS CAST!

SLAM!

THE GUY'S OBVIOUSLY A *SUPER!*

ANYONE KNOW WHICH ONE?!

YOU SAW HIM ON THE WALL! THAT MEANS--

RIGHT! HE'S GOTTA BE ONE OF THE SPIDERS!

FOOLS!

I AM, AND FOREVER SHALL BE, *ONE* SINGULAR BEING--

--AND ONE THAT IS *NO* MERE SPIDER!

I AM *OTTO GUNTHER OCTAVIUS!*

THWAM

KLANG

AKK!

NFF!

POKK

THIS IS *MY* BASE.

AND HERE...

...I AM *ALWAYS* WELL-*ARMED.*

BUT STILL...I CAN'T STAY HERE, CAN I?

HYDRA. WORSE THAN A VERMIN INFESTATION.

NOW THAT THEY KNOW THIS LOCATION...

...WITH THEIR SUPERIOR NUMBERS, THEY'LL KEEP COMING AND COMING.

THERE'LL BE NO END TO THEM.

THAT IS TRUE, HERR DOCTOR, BUT THAT COULD BE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.

WHO?!

ARNIM ZOLA!

THE SO-CALLED SUPREME SCIENTIST OF HYDRA. EXPLAIN YOURSELF!

HYDRA WILL KEEP SENDING MEN TO THIS BASE, OCTAVIUS. BUT IF YOU WISH, THEY COULD WORK FOR YOU.

WHETHER YOU MEANT TO OR NOT, YOU PASSED HYDRA'S FIRST TEST. BY DEFEATING THIS GROUP'S LEADER...

...YOU ARE NOW THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR HIS REPLACEMENT.

AND WHY WOULD I WANT THAT?

BECAUSE WE ALL SHARE THE SAME GOAL...

...THE DESTRUCTION OF PARKER INDUSTRIES. INTERESTED?

YES. FOR NOW.

GOOD. HM. NEW BODY. LET'S SEE. ON A CELLULAR LEVEL...

...THIS LOOKS LIKE SOME OF MILES WARREN'S WORK. WITH A FEW IMPROVEMENTS.

MY IMPROVEMENTS. AND I DON'T INTEND TO STOP THERE...

"...MY MIND IS RACING WITH ALL KINDS OF NEW POSSIBILITIES.

"WITH THE HELP OF THESE NEW MINIONS...

"...THE *VAST* RESOURCES AT HYDRA'S DISPOSAL, AND *MY* UNPARALLELED DESIGNS...

"...I AM READY TO REMAKE MYSELF...

"...TO REACH *MY FULL* POTENTIAL AND BECOME..."

OTTO OCTAVIUS:

THE SUPERIOR OCTOPUS!

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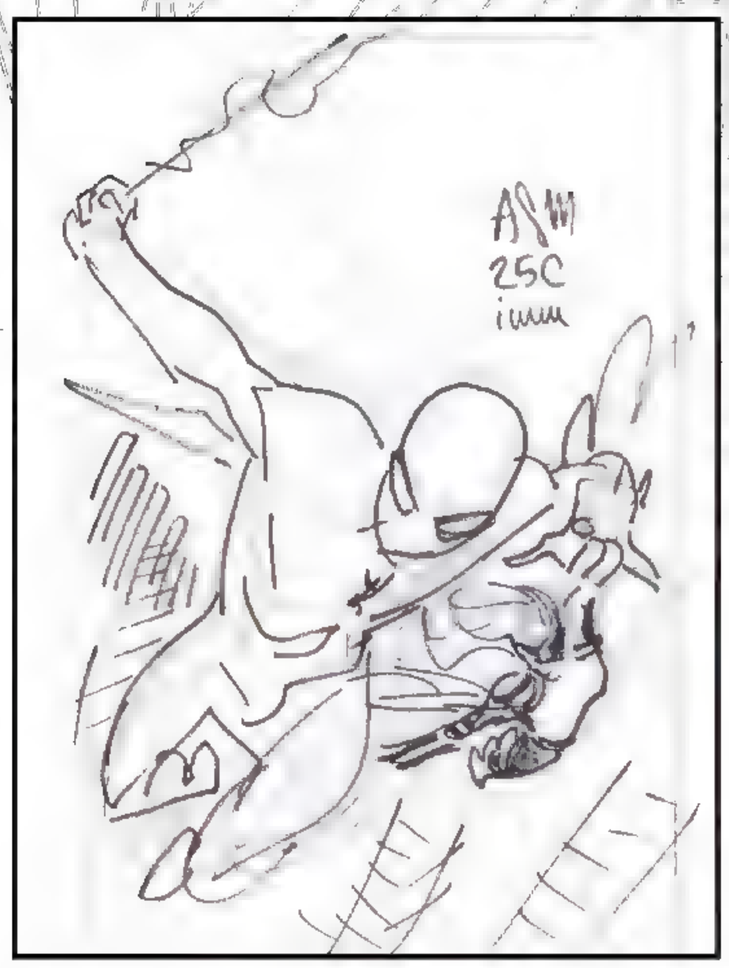

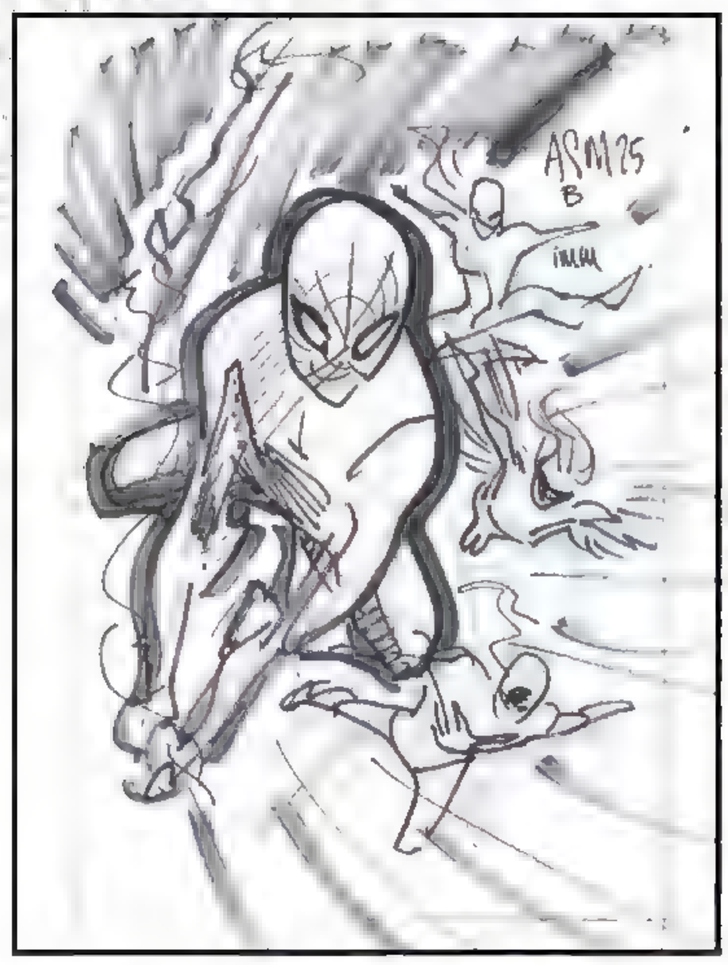

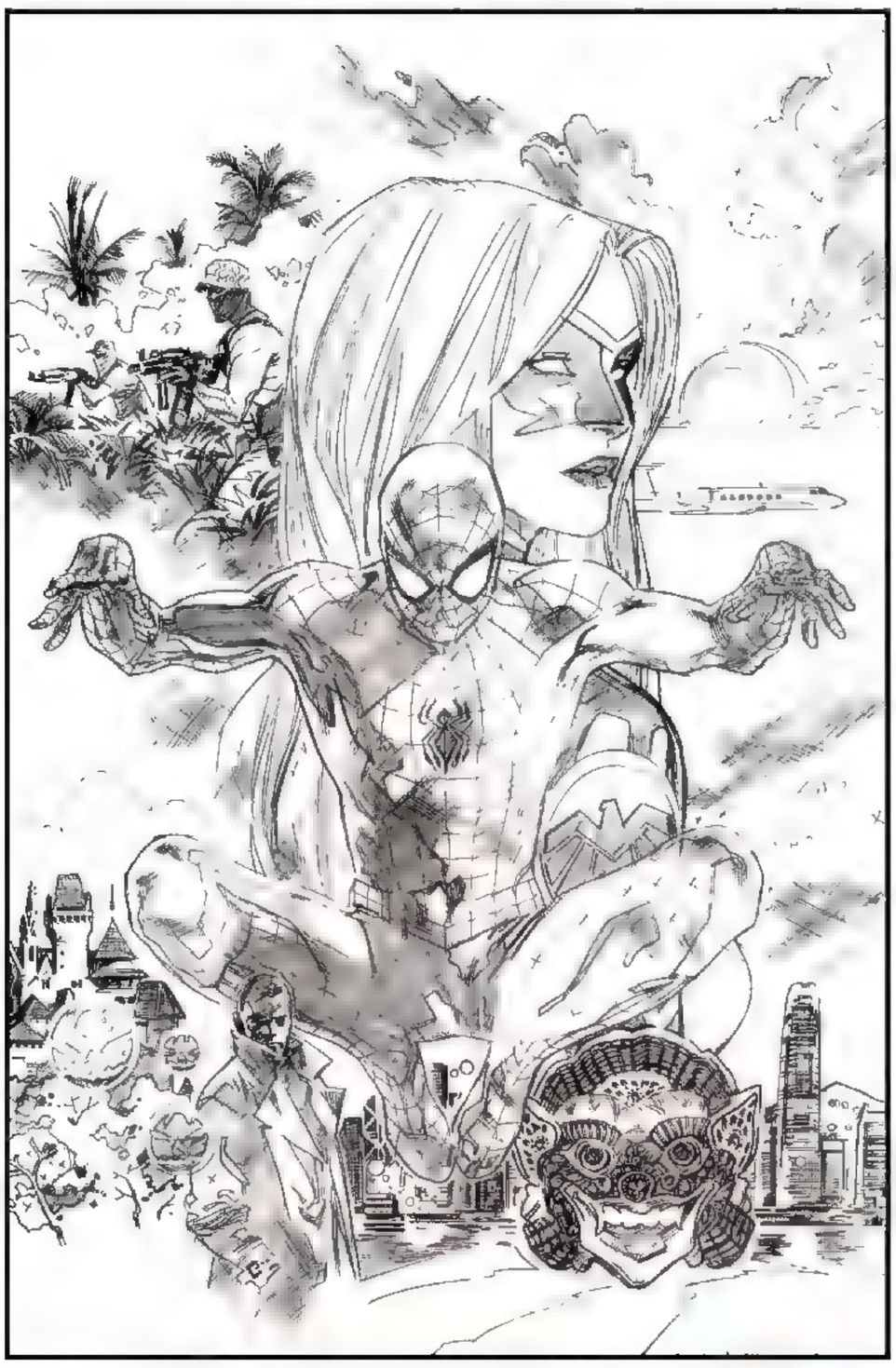

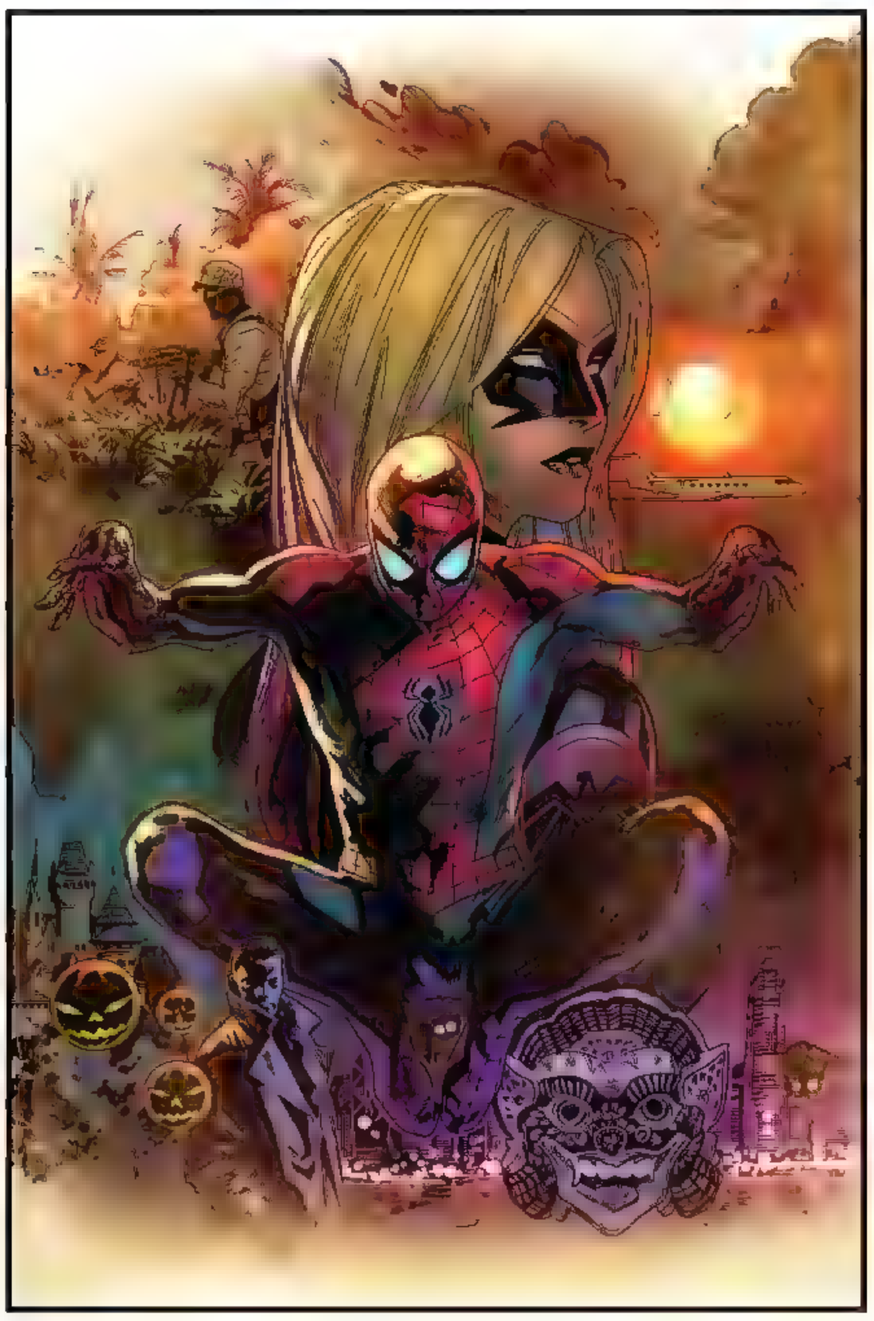

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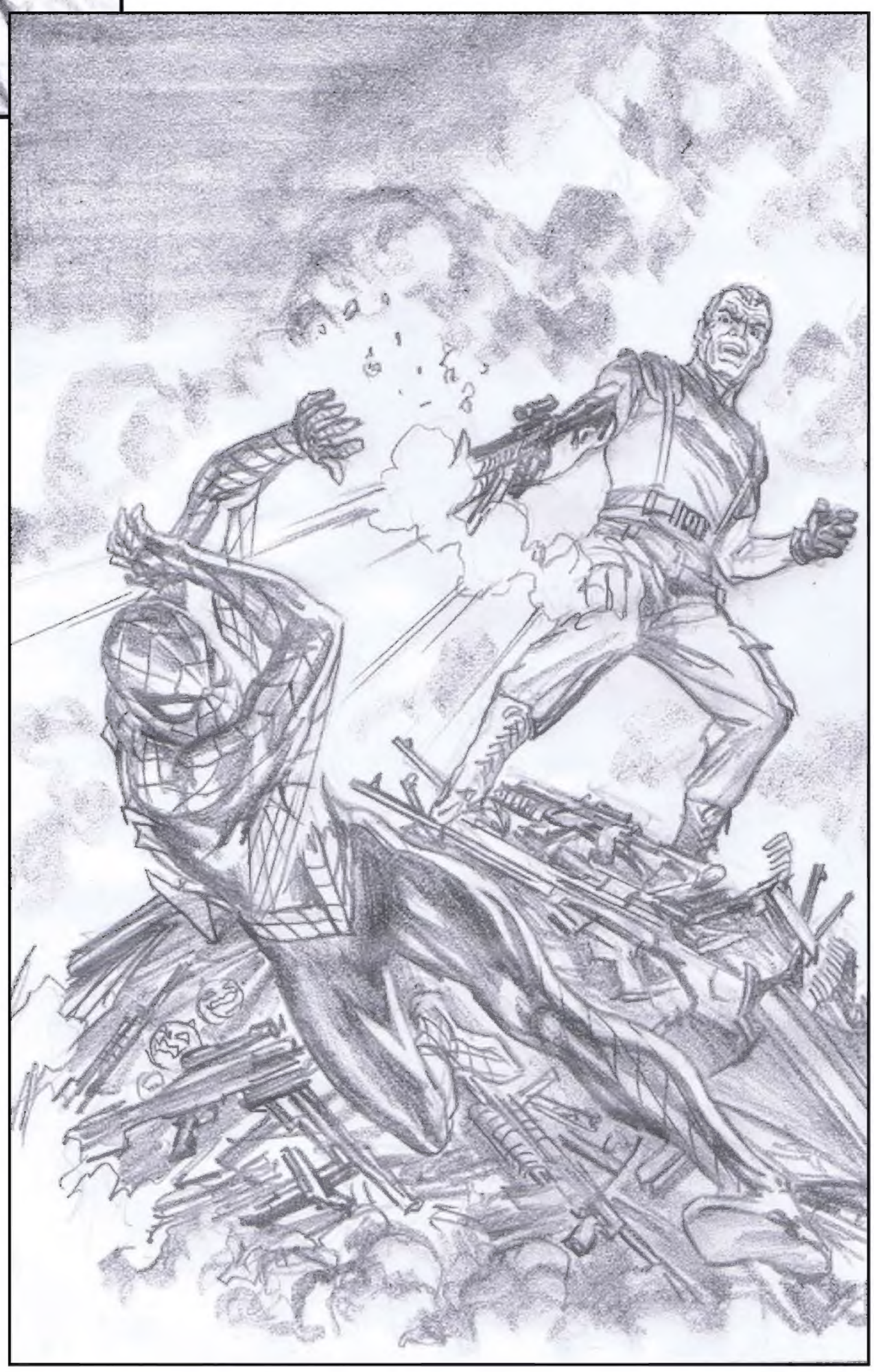

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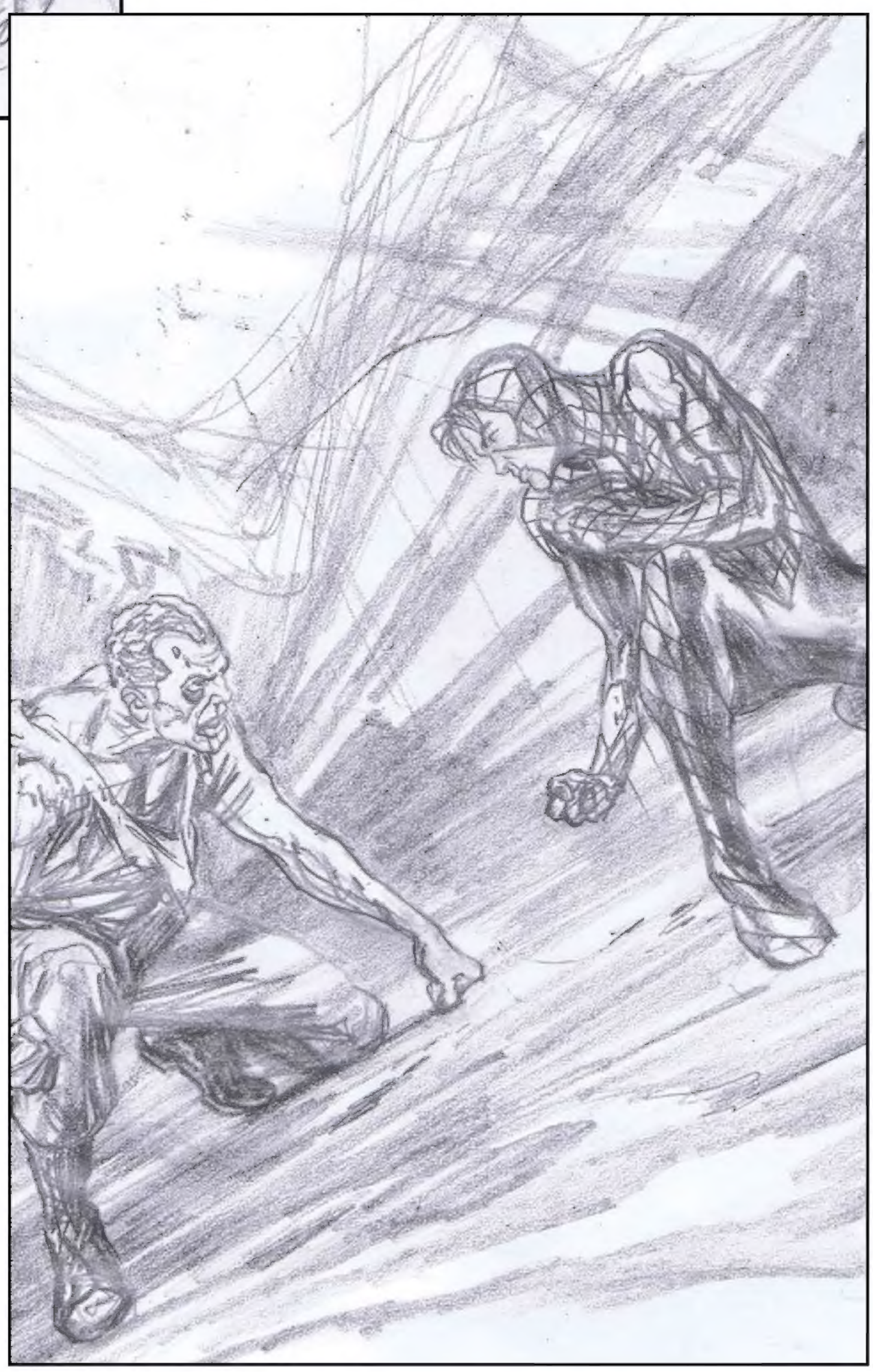

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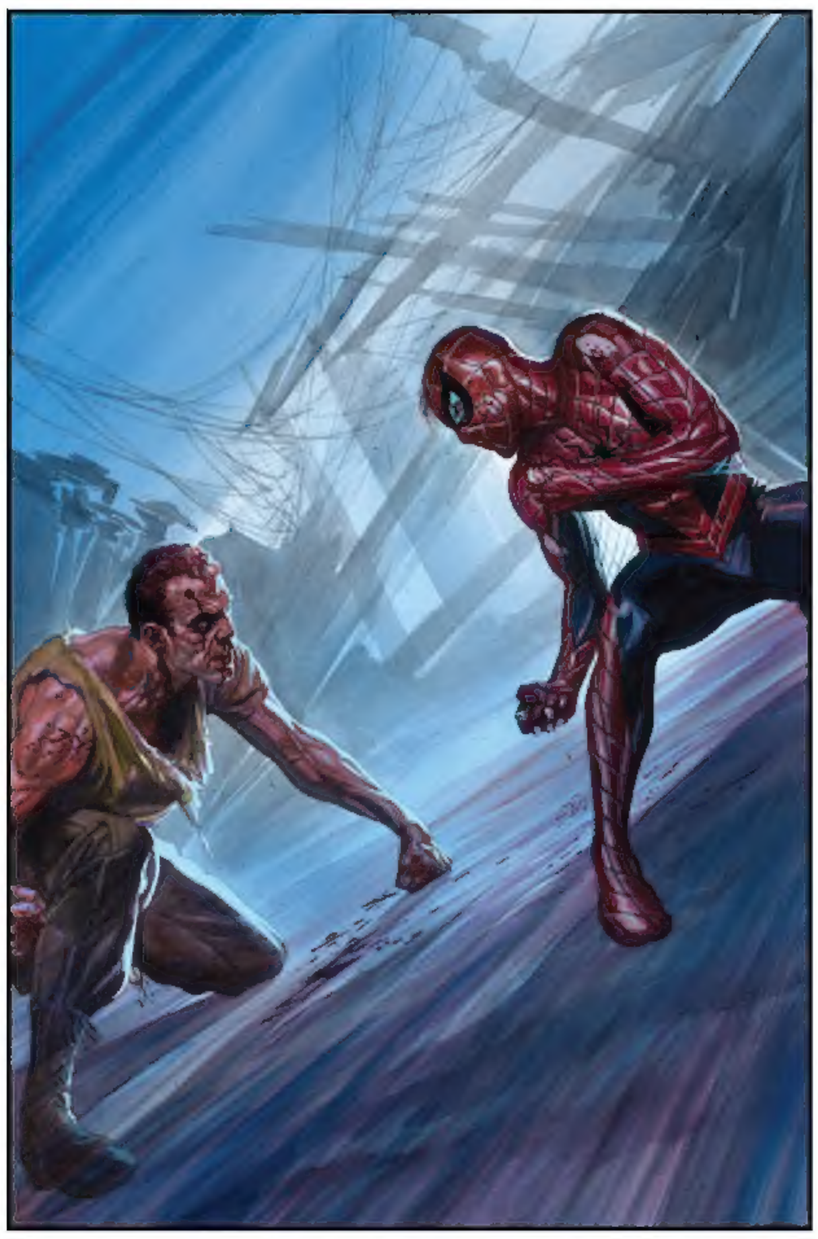

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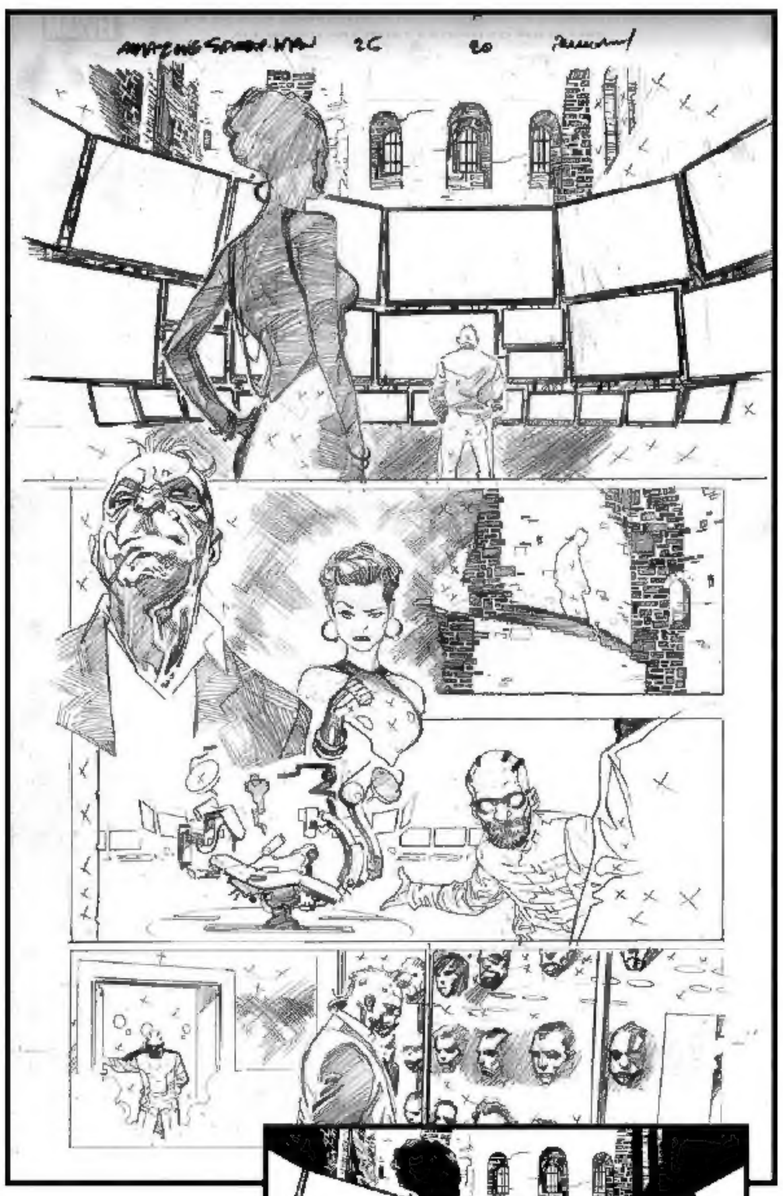

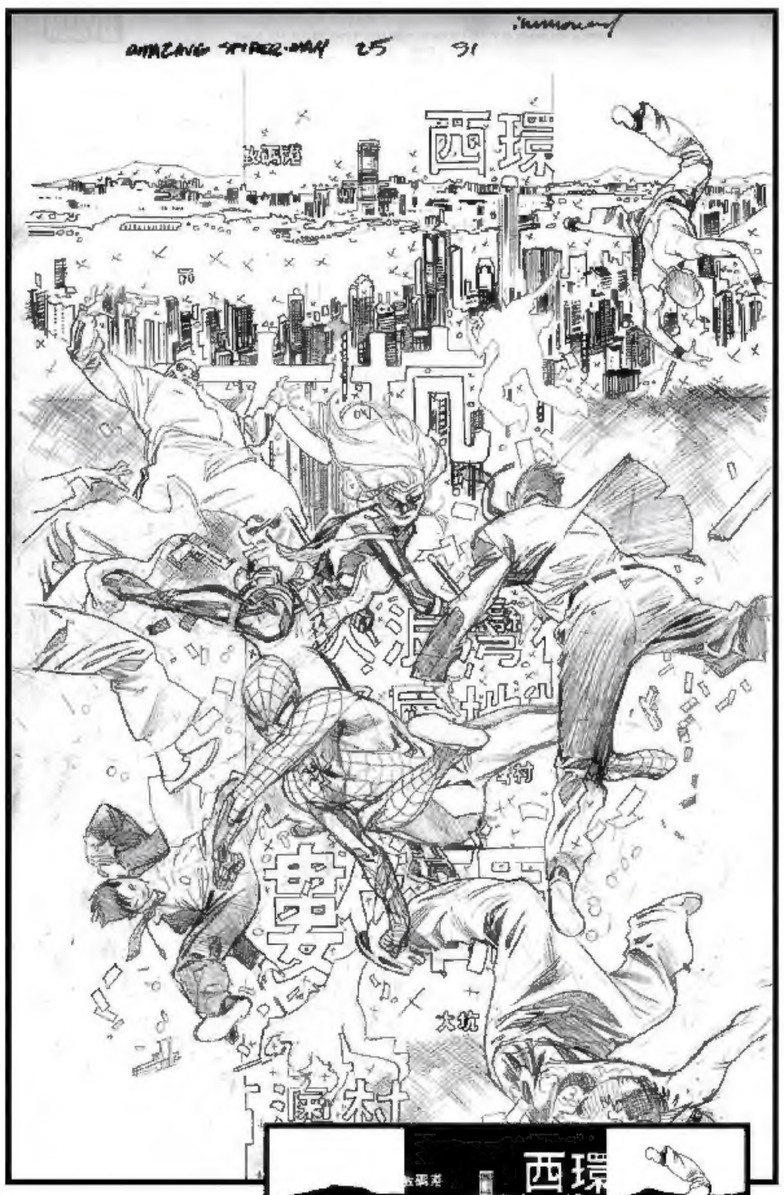

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